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Updates included in this email:

- *anticipated dates of reopening*
- *new dates/times for grab-and-go meals*
- *spring break information*
- *financial aid*
- *Mass resources*

Hello Siena families, faculty, and staff,

With additional changes being communicated daily, I wanted to provide an update to all of you in regards to a number of things. As you are likely aware, Governor Evers has mandated a “Safer At Home” order through 8 a.m. on Friday, April 24. This impacts the original school re-start date of April 6 that was previously communicated. We plan on welcoming back faculty and staff on Friday, April 24, followed by students on Monday, April 27. *These are our anticipated dates of reopening unless circumstances warrant otherwise.*

Feedback from our families has led us to adjust the times and days of grab-and-go meals at John Paul II Academy and St. Catherine’s High School. While we are changing the days; we are NOT changing the overall number of meals each child receives over the course of a week. In an effort to minimize the number of trips outside the home, meals will be available on Mondays and Wednesdays. Students will receive two days’ worth of meals on Monday, and three days’ worth of meals on Wednesday.

The new schedule will begin on Monday, March 30:

John Paul II Academy *(please note the adjusted time)*
8-9 a.m. Monday and Wednesday

St. Catherine’s High School
11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Monday and Wednesday

Our teachers continue to work to provide our students with meaningful learning opportunities on a daily basis. I’m very proud of the continued efforts of our faculty and students and I’m grateful for the support we have received at home by families. Our school and system leadership is in regular communication regarding our Remote Learning Plan and based on feedback, we anticipate making some instructional adjustments when school resumes after Spring Break. Everyone’s flexibility and collaboration are appreciated.

During these times of uncertainty, it is normal for your children to experience a level of stress. If you are concerned about the emotional well-being of your child, please reach out to our teachers, principals, and school counselors. We will do our best to support you and your children and help provide the needed resources.





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Please be reminded that our Spring Break was be no new assignments given during this time. Friday (April 10) and Easter Monday (April 13) in

moved to next week, March 30–April 3. There will Additionally, there will be no instruction on Good observance of these Holy Days.

While school is still in session and our faculty and students continue to prioritize education, I know that we have families that are struggling financially. I encourage you to communicate with Kory Borek, our Director of Admissions, as we do have financial aid available to assist with tuition during this school year. Kory can be reached at kborek@sienacatholicschools.org or 262-833-5517.

With the announcement from Archbishop Listecki that all in-person Masses – including Masses during Holy Week and Easter Sunday – are canceled, we would like to provide some great spiritual resources that are available online.

- The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has resources available on their website. [“Courageous Communion”](#) has information such as daily reflections and praying the daily gospels.
- Fr. Ricardo is using the Sacred Heart [Facebook page](#) to livestream daily Masses at 10 a.m. and to host daily chats with parishioners and friends from 6:30-7 p.m. Additionally, he is celebrating the 10 a.m. school Mass on Wednesday, as well as the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass, both of which may be accessed on [YouTube](#). Fr. Ricardo is also going to livestream the Stations of the Cross on Friday at 6:30 p.m. Speaking of Fr. Ricardo, have you listened to [“Two Guys and a Gospel”](#) lately?
- Fr. Javier at St. Lucy/St. Sebastian live streams Masses! You can join him Tuesday through Friday at 9 a.m. and on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Masses are broadcast [here](#).
- The Catholic Community in Central Racine is offering Mass daily. 9 a.m. Mass in English and 10 a.m. Mass in Spanish can be viewed [here](#).
- Have you heard of Matthew Kelly? He’s a Catholic motivational speaker and a personal favorite of mine. His daily reflections have centered me; you can find those reflections [here](#).
- Archbishop Listecki will also be live streaming Holy Week Masses. Information will be shared soon on their website.

We are so grateful for our pastors who continue to provide Mass and spiritual guidance during this time. Their leadership is invaluable and we are proud to partner with them.

I also want to recognize our maintenance/facilities/custodial staff, John Paul II Academy and St. Catherine’s support staff, and Taher Food Service employees who are performing some of the most critical services during this time. Our buildings are being cleaned and sanitized and our children who need food have access to it. Thank you!

Finally, I want to thank everyone for their graciousness during this time. With everyone’s continued help, we will get through this and find new blessings in our lives.

Blessings in Christ,

Brenda White
President

