March 12, 2020

Dear UCS Families:

As you may have heard, Governor DeWine announced today that all schools in Ohio will be closed for three weeks. The closures are scheduled to begin on Monday.

On Monday, March 16, students will begin a 3-week break. There is no school Monday. Faculty and staff only will report to UCS on that day.

Here at UCS, we will have school tomorrow, Friday, March 13, as scheduled. Every child at UCS will receive a 5-day packet of work that families can work on daily to provide some continuity and daily enrichment.

There will not be any work for the week of March 23-27, as it is our already-scheduled spring break.

We will be in touch with additional information about the week of March 30-April 3. We hope to operate virtual classrooms during that week. We are working hard to ensure that all families will have internet access and a device at home. If we are unable to accommodate this work, we will provide additional packets of work for students.

At this point, we plan to be open again on Monday, April 6. We will closely monitor updates at the city, county, state, and national levels. We will keep you posted through email, social media, our website, and newsletter as additional details become available.

In addition to the educational packets, we will continue to keep additional support throughout the break:

- We plan to operate a food distribution for all children and families free of charge. The bulk of the distribution will be a pick-up line at UCS, but deliveries will be available to families unable to come to UCS. Again, additional details will be provided.
- Our counseling team will be available during certain hours to provide support telephonically to children or families with questions/concerns
- Our spiritual team, including Ms. Michele and Srs. Maureen and Rose will be available to provide pastoral support.

We will be in touch with additional details on how to access all of these services as soon as details are available.

I am going to remain in my office this evening until 8 pm tonight to take phone calls. Given that we need to avoid large gatherings, we feel this is the best option.

You can reach me directly at 216.939.8441, extension 178. I will also be available tomorrow throughout the day.

Finally, I, along with the leadership team, will also be closely monitoring our emails and respond as efficiently as we can to all questions and concerns.

I’d ask you to pray for all those impacted by the virus and for our school community that we can remain steadfast together as we make our way forward.

Sincerely,

Tom Gill
President