

April 9, 2020

Dear Diocese of Greensburg School Families:

The Diocese of Greensburg Catholic Schools were among the first to connect with students when mandated school closures began. Today we learned that our on-line virtual community of education will proceed this way for the remainder of the school year. Governor Wolf announced this morning that all schools in Pennsylvania will remain closed for the rest of the academic year to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus. This is not ideal, it won't always be the norm, but it is a blessing to have the ability to continue educating children.

As I have stated in recent letters to you, the faculty and administration of our schools will continue to provide a sound, faith-based education to your children, and students will be educated according to each school's calendar, which designates 180 days of instruction for the academic year.

Unfortunately, all spring activities, including sports and proms, are cancelled. I will work with the two high school principals on alternate graduation dates and the possibility of a virtual baccalaureate Mass. The principals will communicate that information to high school families when decisions are finalized.

Elementary school principals will communicate information about their graduations to their families.

To stay continuously updated with communications, recommendations and actions taken by the Diocese of Greensburg to combat the spread of the coronavirus, text "Faith" to the number 724-305-3057 to sign up for important text message alerts. Up-to-the-minute communication is available on all diocesan social media outlets — Facebook, Twitter and Instagram — and at [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/healthalerts](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/healthalerts).

I will continue to keep you updated on the status of schools as we all work to make sure that our children are engaged in learning.

On behalf of Bishop Malesic, I thank you for your understanding. We are both keeping you in our prayers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maureen Marsteller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Dr. Maureen Marsteller  
Superintendent of Catholic Schools