



# ARCHBISHOP CURLEY

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Office of the  
President

March 13, 2020

Dear Parents and Families:

As you know, the schools of the Archdiocese of Baltimore are following the Governor's direction for the public schools of Maryland, and will be closed for two weeks beginning next Monday, March 16, and through March 27. Along with other private schools we are going to make every effort to keep learning moving forward during these first critical weeks of the fourth quarter, and materials concerning that are part of this communication.

It is also regrettable, but Senior Service Week and the Senior Retreats must be cancelled, and it is unlikely they can be re-scheduled for a later date. Seniors are therefore to follow the academic schedule next week, and teachers will be moving forward with lessons and giving assignments. All co-curricular activities are cancelled for the next two weeks.

We will also keep you and your families informed as things unfold in relation to the coronavirus. Certainly much has happened in the last 24 hours, and there will be new developments. Thank you for watching for communications from the school. Students have been reminded to take iPads and books home today so they can keep up with their school work.

The document below provides students and families with expectations for our remote learning experience. Please use email or call the school office with any questions or concerns.

We also urge you to follow the directions of health professionals so you, your family and friends remain healthy. Let us continue to pray for those who are ill, for medical professionals, for the diminishment of this world-wide pandemic, and for a return to the normal pace of life. We pray that the last months of the school year, and its many activities, can continue as they normally do, and as they are enjoyed by everyone.

Sincerely,

Fr. Donald Grzymski, OFM Conv.  
President

Mr. Brian Kohler  
Principal



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## **Expectations for Curley Students during the COVID-19 State Mandated Closure**

In light of the order by Governor Hogan that all public schools be closed for the next two weeks, Archbishop Curley High School will be closed during the same time period, March 16-27, 2020 and all school-sponsored activities will be cancelled during that same timeframe. During this time, Curley's academic experience has been converted to an "at-home" remote learning experience. Our teachers have been actively preparing for this new reality, and we are committed to continuing your education in a distance learning environment. The following are *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)* designed to guide students and families through this time.

### **What classes do students follow each day?**

Students should expect that teachers will issue lesson activities/assignments according to a pre-approved series of lessons. Teachers will be posting lesson activities/assignments on PlusPortals (and Google Classroom where necessary) the night before the class would traditionally meet. For example, assignments for a 1<sup>st</sup> period class on March 16<sup>th</sup> (Day 5) will be ready for access by 8:15 a.m. on March 16<sup>th</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup> period will be ready no later than 9:20 a.m.

### **What if a teacher has a lesson that spans multiple days?**

This may happen and in such cases, teachers will provide directions for lesson activities/assignments.

### **What type of activities/assignments should students expect?**

Teachers may be providing activities that include (but are not limited to): pre-recorded videos, links to articles to read with questions attached, web-based activities, essays, papers, projects.

### **When are these activities/assignments due?**

Each teacher will provide clear directions on due dates and times. However, students should expect due times to be approximately during normal school hours (8:15 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.).

### **How will students be held accountable for these activities/assignments?**

Each student will be held accountable for all work assigned to them during this time of remote learning. All grades earned during this time will be included in the student's 4<sup>th</sup> quarter course grades. Failure to complete and/or meet expectations for assignments will result in academic penalties.

### **How much work should students expect to do during this time?**

Teachers have designed assignments that are grade level and program level specific. Therefore, there is no school wide standard for how much time students should expect to spend on the work. We understand that what may take one student 30 minutes could take another 60 minutes.

### **Which digital/online tools should students expect to be using during this time?**

Students should only expect to use tools that they have practiced during the school year. This is not a time for teachers to introduce new methods that may be unfamiliar to students.



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**Because Senior Service Week and the Senior Retreat are cancelled, are Seniors responsible for academic work?**

Yes. While it is unfortunate that the Class of 2020 will not be able to experience Senior Service Week or their Retreat, they should expect to follow their academic schedule and complete assignments as directed by their teachers. Additional information will be made available if Senior Service Week and/or the Senior Retreat can be re-scheduled.

**How should students contact their teachers?**

Curley email is always the preferred method of communication. Teachers will be available by email during the time their class normally meets. For example, for a 1<sup>st</sup> period class on March 16<sup>th</sup> (Day 5) the teacher will be available from at least 8:15 a.m. - 9:20 a.m. For a 2<sup>nd</sup> period class, the teacher will be available from at least 9:25 a.m.-10:25 a.m.

**What if a student experiences internet challenges at home?**

If a student experiences internet access issues at home, they should contact their school counselor who will then alert administration and teachers.

Mrs. Berkey ([jberkey@archbishopcurley.org](mailto:jberkey@archbishopcurley.org) 410-485-5000 x224) is the counselor for:

Freshmen with last names beginning with A-La.

Sophomores with last names beginning with A-J.

Juniors with last names beginning with A-J.

Seniors with last names beginning with A-J.

Mr. Polsinelli ([dpolsinelli@archbishopcurley.org](mailto:dpolsinelli@archbishopcurley.org) 410-485-5000 x273) is the counselor for:

Freshmen with last names beginning with Li-Z.

Sophomores with last names beginning with K-Z.

Juniors with last names beginning with K-Z.

Seniors with last names beginning with K-Z.

**What if a student is ill?**

If a student experiences an illness that would prevent him from his academics on a given day, his parents or guardians should contact Mrs. Gina Petr ([gpetr@archbishopcurley.org](mailto:gpetr@archbishopcurley.org) 410-485-5000 x201)

**What if a student has a problem with a lesson activity/assignment?**

In this case, a student should contact their teacher directly.

**Can a student come to Curley's campus or participate in a Curley sponsored event?**

Beginning March 16, 2020, all school related events are cancelled and no student or parent should travel to Curley's campus for any reason unless they seek permission from Mr. Kohler.

It is our goal to provide the best possible educational experience to our Curley men during this time. We understand that these next two weeks will bring additional questions. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Kohler ([bkohler@archbishopcurley.org](mailto:bkohler@archbishopcurley.org)) with those questions or concerns. We pray for all those infected with COVID-19, as well as all those affected. Finally, we pray for the health and welfare of our community, state, nation and the world.