

15 March 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Re: Catholic School Closures as a Result of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The Catholic Board of Education (CBE) wishes to advise that all CBE schools in The Bahamas and St. Augustine's College will be closed for students and teachers beginning Monday, 16 March 2020 until 14 April 2020, with the possibility of a lengthier closure. Administrators, Clerical and Support Staff only are to report to their respective schools tomorrow morning. Informed by The Bahamas Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health, this decision was made out of an abundance of caution. The health and safety of our students, staff and families is of the utmost importance.

Over recent days our administrators have met to discuss ongoing home-based learning to ensure our students continue to be academically engaged in the event of school closure. During this closure period CBE students will be asked to complete academic work through electronic learning ("e-learning) or alternative learning, please contact your child's school for details.

Please bookmark and refer to this webpage http://cboe.cec.edu.bs/ and our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/242catholicschools?ref=bookmarks for updates.

May God continue to bless and keep you.

The Bahamas Catholic Board of Education