



Dear families of Resurrection Catholic School

On Friday, March 6, Gov. Tom Wolf announced that two cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) have been “presumed positive” in the Philadelphia area. We wish to reassure you that the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff are a top priority for Resurrection Catholic School.

While we continue to closely monitor this situation, our school will continue normal operations. For the moment, we plan to act as we do for inclement weather: we will follow the public school schedule if any closures are needed.

Our school and the Diocesan Education Office are closely monitoring this situation. The Education Office is involved in local and state-wide briefings and meetings. We continue to work and follow the recommendations from our state and national health departments, including thoroughly cleaning and disinfecting surfaces. You and your family can also help keep our school and your family healthy by following these recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (it’s longer than you think - try saying the Pledge of Allegiance twice or silently sing “Happy Birthday” twice, too).
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol) if soap and water are not available.
- Apply the “not above the shoulders” rule — avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect commonly used surfaces often.

To prevent the spread of disease and for the health of all those at Resurrection Catholic School please do not send your child(ren) to school if they are sick. As we all continue to monitor this situation, more information can be found at www.health.pa.gov or www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html.

As always, thank you for trusting Resurrection Catholic School with the wellbeing of your child(ren). Please know of our continued prayers for all our families during this uncertain time.

God Bless,

Mr. Hughes

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March 13, 2020

Dear Resurrection Catholic families and staff,

This is an update regarding our response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

At the present time Resurrection Catholic School, is continuing to enhance cleaning and hygiene protocols for students and staff. **Resurrection will be closed Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 27.** School will resume Monday, March 30.

Monday, March 16th through Friday, March 27th are Flexible Instruction Days. **Resurrection will be accessible for students, parents/guardian and staff on Monday, March 16 from 6:30am – 6pm to pick up any necessary items for this extended absence to include workbooks, packets and devices that the teachers have prepared.** Please use the morning drop-off/dismissal door. If you are unable to pick-up your student(s) workbooks, packets and devices during those times, you may send someone else in your place.

Students will be allowed to go down to the library and check-out books so they can continue to read a variety of books during the school closure.

Your student(s) homeroom teacher will be available to answer questions about schoolwork during the hours 9am-3pm, Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 27. The best way to contact us is via email.

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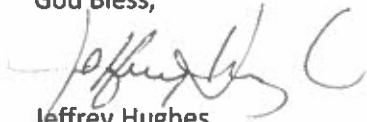
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Students who qualify for free and reduced lunch will be able to pick up bagged lunches, between the hours of 10am – 12 pm, Monday, March 16 through Friday March, 27. Please come to the after school door, ring the bell and a lunch will be brought to you.

Effective March 16, all Diocesan events are suspended/canceled until April 15th . For our students those events include the dance for the upper grade students at Rick's Place and the skating party on April 2. School Masses and Stations of the Cross are postponed pending further review from the Diocese of Harrisburg. Rock the Church, which was scheduled for April 24th, has been canceled.

We will continue to inform our families as more information becomes available.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Hughes", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Jeffrey Hughes

Principal



March 16, 2020

Dear Resurrection Catholic families and staff,

We are modifying what our school day looks like. Students are reminded to complete their daily packets and virtual assignments as the following days will be considered Flexible Instruction Days. These will be graded. Students and parents/guardians are reminded to check Google Classrooms for daily assignments.

Every morning, students can log on to Facebook at 9 a.m. to watch announcements and morning prayers from Sister Kristen and Mr. Hughes. Our goal is to keep our students on the same routine as we navigate through this situation. Visit www.rcspa.org and scroll down to the Facebook icon to access our Facebook page.

As a reminder, please pick up your student's workbooks, packets and devices today. Teachers will be here until 6pm. Please use drop off/dismissal doors. This will be the ONLY time the school will be available for pick-up. The school will be closed for a deep cleaning.

Teachers will be available via email, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. to help students with any questions they may have regarding lessons. Our specials teachers will also be available via email on their scheduled days.

Computer – Monday and Thursday, < mpanyik@rcspa.org >

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Library – Wednesday and Friday – AM, Mrs. Borrer < cborrer@rcspa.org >

Gym – Monday and Tuesday, Mrs. Feldman < cfeldman@rcspa.org >

Learning support – Mrs. Grabowski, dgrabowski@rcspa.org

We ask that parents/guardians with students in grades K-3, return Week 1 packets on Monday, March 23. There will be a container on the steps in front of the drop off/dismissal doors. Before placing packet in the container, please make sure your student's name is on each page.

REMINDER! Students who qualify for free and reduced lunch will be able to pick up bagged lunches, between the hours of 10am – 12pm, Monday, March 16 - March, 20 and Monday, March 23 - Friday March, 27. It is important that our students keep up with their work and we will provide updates as they are available. Even though no one will be in the building, emails and front office voicemails will be checked daily.

God Bless,

Jeffrey Hughes
Principal

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust the health of the world to you. Pray with us and for us as we journey with this cross to health and peace and bring us to the joy of Resurrection. Amen



Dear students, parents/guardians and staff,

Happy Wednesday, March 18!

I wanted to send you an update of our first few days of on-line and packet schooling. The overall educational options have been strong and I am very pleased with our initial results. While we have had a few issues, we are addressing and updating our methods constantly because we can and will continue to improve. As this situation continues to evolve, decisions will be made which will have a direct impact upon our school. I am committed to keeping you updated and well informed.

Remember, the school building is closed but classes are still in session. Continue to have your student(s) work on their packets or on-line activities during the hours of 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Teachers are available via e-mail during those times for any questions or support students may need. It is important to keep current and up to date on schoolwork. Below are the guidelines for handing in completed assignments.

- Week one packets will need to be dropped off at RCS on Monday, March 23.
- There will be plastic containers on the steps by the student's entrance/ drop off door. Do not drop off work at the front door of the school.
- Packets can be dropped off between the hours of 7:30 am-4:00 pm.
- Please make sure that your student's name is on the work that is being handed in.
- DO NOT DROP OFF ANY ELECTRONICS.

Teachers will be calling to check on students, have conversations with parents/ guardians and answer questions about classroom instruction over the next few days.

I hope you join us for morning prayers and announcements! Beginning tomorrow, we will post our prayers and announcements at 8:45 am. You can join Lancaster Catholic High School at 9:00 am as they pray the rosary daily on Facebook Live. If you are unable to join us at 8:45 or LCHS at 9, you can access the videos after the fact as well on Facebook.

Mass for the Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19) will be livestreamed at 9:30 am on the Historic St. Mary's Facebook page. Father Wayne will be the celebrant.

Don't forget specials classes. Mrs. Borrer will be posting Read Alouds every day for students in grades K-5 on their Library Google Classrooms and the following message is from Sra. Glick:

Dear Parents,

The website www.rockalingua.com is offering free use of all its resources. Rockalingua teaches Spanish with each topic based on a song, with accompanying printables and games. We have used it at RCS in Spanish class and the kids really enjoy it.

Have a great day,
Sra. Glick

Estimados padres,

Buenos días a todos. Quería informarles que el el sitio web rockalingua.com se esta ofreciendo todos sus materiales gratis. Rockalingua enseña el español por medio de una canción para cada tema, que va junta con unos juegos, y unas hojas de tarea que se puede imprimir en casa. Lo hemos usado en RCS en la clase de espanol, y a los niños les gusta mucho.

Que pasen buen dia,
Sra. Glick

We continue to pray for the health, safety, and welfare of all in wake of this pandemic. We can trust in God to hear our prayers and give us the grace we need in these troubled times when we ask Him sincerely and with perseverance.

Yours in Christ,

Jeffrey Hughes
Principal

I am sure you already know but I wanted to share with you the following message from Bishop Gainer:

Until further notice, Bishop Ronald W. Gainer, out of great concern for the health of the faithful and in union with the Bishops of P The importance of internet access is especially apparent during this difficult time when schools and workplaces are closed due to the Coronavirus. In response, Comcast announced today that we will increase the speeds of our Internet Essentials service (from 15/2 MB to 25/3 MB) and offer the service free of charge for 60 days for new Internet Essentials customers.

Families interested in getting the service can sign up at www.internetessentials.com or call 1-855-846-8376. New customers will get a free and easy to use self-install kit by mail. Current customers don't need to do anything to get the speed increases. Pennsylvania has temporarily suspended all daily and weekend Masses in the Diocese of Harrisburg. Additionally, Bishop Gainer has suspended all public liturgies and devotions, and has asked that all churches and chapels be closed, including all perpetual adoration chapels.

Bishop Gainer made this decision after careful consideration of the recommendations from public health officials, and out of great concern for the health and well-being of the faithful, our clergy and parish staffs, given the current coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

“For Catholics, the Eucharist is the source and summit of our life in Christ, strengthening us to remain firm in our faith as we journey through this life. Making this difficult decision to temporarily suspend Masses and close our churches was not made lightly,” said Bishop Gainer. “Rather, this decision has been made after careful discussions and considerable reflection on the advice being provided from healthcare professionals. I deeply care for all those members of my flock. As chief shepherd, it is my duty to see to their spiritual health, and now in these challenging times, also to their physical welfare. I continue to pray for all those impacted by this virus, for our medical professionals caring for the ill and for all people facing these uncertain times. I also pray for the intercession of our Blessed Mother, Mary, health of the sick.”

A listing of live broadcasting and/or recordings of Masses from parishes throughout the Diocese is available on the Health Alerts page of the Diocesan website. Daily and Sunday Masses are also available from EWTN on Comcast channel 291 in the Harrisburg area, or online at <https://video.ewtn.com/daily-mass>.

Additional resources for parishes and the faithful will be available, also on the Diocesan website, in the coming days. These resources will include ways the faithful can continue to keep holy the Lord’s Day.

Please visit the Health Alerts page of the Diocesan website for the most up-to-date information regarding the Diocese’s response to COVID-19, including a listing of Diocesan event cancellations and postponements, as well as additional COVID-19 prevention measures and recommendations.



March 23, 2020

Good afternoon,

Today, Governor Wolf extended school closures for an additional two weeks. As such, the building will be closed through April 10, 2020.

Online learning will continue during this time. It is vitally important that your student(s) continue to keep up with assigned schoolwork.

Teachers are available from 9:00am-3:00 pm. If possible, your student needs to be completing their schoolwork during those assigned hours.

Thank you for your cooperation and support during this time.



April 2, 2020



As you may have already heard, on Monday, March 30, Governor Wolf announced that all K-12 Pennsylvania schools will remain “closed indefinitely”. We are living in extraordinary times. Our faculty and our parish churches have done a wonderful job of adjusting to a temporary new normal by moving learning and worship onto a virtual platform. We are all adapting! As we strive to support your child’s learning, good communication is key. Continue to reach out to me and your child’s teachers with your questions and concerns. Remember, this will not last forever and we are all looking forward to the day when we can see each other face to face again.

At RCS we will continue to provide an on-line education for all of our students.

As the season of Lent draws to a close, we look ahead to Easter. Our schedule for the upcoming Holy week is as follows:

- April 6 Teacher and Student re-set day. There will be no new lessons or classes posted.
- April 7 and 8 Virtual instruction will take place. Please continue to work hard and reach out to your teachers.
- April 9-13 Easter Vacation. There will be no virtual learning during these days.
- April 14 Virtual learning resumes

You are encouraged to attend Mass as a family on-line for Easter. Check your parish websites for times. Continue to pray and grow in your faith. Be safe RCS family.

Blessings,

Mr. Hughes



Parents and Guardians of RCS,

As you may have already heard, on April 9, Governor Wolf extended school closures for the remainder of the academic year. What this means for Resurrection Catholic School is that our virtual learning platform will continue for the remainder of the school year. News of this closure will allow us to finalize decisions and make plans for the end of the academic school year. Please be aware that information on what this looks like from our school standpoint will be forthcoming.

We will continue to focus on how to support our wonderful students, staff, families, and community at this time. Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

With Triduum and Easter Season Blessings,

Mr. Hughes



April 16, 2020

Good afternoon everyone! I hope you all had a nice Easter this past Sunday and that this eblast finds you and your family in good health. At the end of this week we close out our 5th week of remote instruction and our students continue to work very hard on their studies. I want to remind you that our front office is still functioning. Mrs. Mendez is answering phone calls and mail is still being checked on a regular basis. If you pay your tuition by coming into the school office, you can drop a money order or check in the mail instead. Lunch accounts and afterschool care balances may also be paid via US mail by check or money order. It is still important to keep your accounts current.

Below are instructions for how to drop off completed schoolwork for the lower grades.

- Monday, April 20 parents/ guardians with students in grades K-3 can return completed work packets between the hours of 9:00 am-12 noon.
- Tuesday, April 21, parents / guardians with students in grades k-3 can return completed work packets between the hours of 12 noon and 3:00 pm

Please return all completed work (grades k-3) so that our teachers can begin to provide feedback and complete their assessment of the schoolwork.

Our parent meeting will take place on **Wednesday, April 22 @ 7:00 PM**. Please save the date. Attending this meeting from RCS will be Mr. Hughes (principal), Mrs. Salazar (school counselor), and Ms. Lyda (communications). A detailed letter with how to use and login via Google Meets will be sent to all parents/ guardians on Tuesday, April 21.

RCS is still enrolling students for the 2020-21 school year for pre K through 8th grade, please spread the word. Again, if you have concerns or questions please reach out to the teachers, or me. Keep practicing your faith.

God Bless,

Mr. Hughes



April 23, 2020

As promised during our Google Meet parent meeting yesterday evening, I want to inform you of the details for the end of our academic school year.

A calendar for the return of materials will be sent to all by May 12, 2020.

As a reminder, parents/ guardians should access your students' work, assignments, grades, and student communication with teachers. This is part of a transparent approach that empowers parents and is also another one of our safety protocols when instruction is taking place in a virtual classroom.

Our calendar for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic school year is as follows:

Tuesday, May 19	Last day for online/ virtual instruction
Friday, May 22	Last day for students to turn in completed schoolwork
Wednesday May 27-	
Friday, May 29	Parents/guardians can return devices, textbooks etc. to the school. Calendar for this will be provided May 12
Friday, May 29	Report cards will be printed

(Students will receive a report card ONLY if all school property is returned and financial obligations are fulfilled)

In next week's update, we will include the current school calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. Please keep in mind that based upon the Governor's and Health Department's recommendations, that the calendar (for the next academic school year) is subject to change.



Dear Resurrection Catholic School Parents and Guardians,

I believe that this was a very special school year. A school year that I am sure many of us will never forget. We had some wonderful times while we were together whether in person or via the virtual learning platform. It was truly a blessing to work with your children this school year.

I want to thank you for entrusting your children with us. I also want to thank you for your trust and confidence in our teachers and staff. Everyone worked very hard to provide a loving, faith-based and strong academic education for your students.

I am beyond proud of how well our students and our teachers adapted to our new way of learning the past two months. As soon as we found out we would be closed, everyone came together to make sure our students were equipped to continue learning at home. Thank you for your patience, support, and understanding as we worked through this transition. I am happy to say that we ended this school year successfully during uncertain times.

While our world is changing, please know that our school will continue to adjust in order to ensure that all students and families will receive the absolute best from us. We plan to begin school on Monday, August 31. No matter what our next school year holds, we will do the following;

- Continue to keep all students and staff safe to the best of our ability. That includes following all guidelines to provide a safe environment for our students
- Continue to embrace our Catholic mission
- Continue to build our school community
- Continue to focus on strong school / student/ family relationships
- Continue to partner with our parents/ guardian in providing an exceptional educational experience for students
- Continue transparent communication.

We will continue to provide updates about the school during summer break. Please check your e-mail, our school website and Facebook page to stay up to date.

Our theme for next school year is "Family of Faith, United in Love." What a wonderful thought as we move into the 2020/2021 school year.

Again, thank you for your trust and support this past school year. It is my pleasure to be the principal of Resurrection Catholic School. I am truly humbled by the experience.

I wish all of you a wonderful summer. I cannot wait to see everyone soon!

With kindest regards and blessings,

Jeffrey Hughes