

St. Pius X High School Press Release

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St. Pius X High School Announces Schedule Changes, Virtual Learning Implementation

Festus, MO – St. Pius X High School, along with all other St. Louis Archdiocese high schools, will be closed to students from March 18 through April 3 to minimize potential student and faculty exposure to the Covid-19 virus.

In anticipation of this closure, St. Pius X faculty and staff have been preparing for an extended period of virtual learning for their nearly 300 students. Faculty meetings and training took place on March 17 and 18. Students will start receiving lessons and assignments on Thursday, March 19 via tools such as Google's G-Suite.

“These unprecedented circumstances do not mean we cannot continue to educate our students,” Principal Karen DeCosty said. “We gained valuable experience with eLearning on a couple snow days earlier this year, giving our faculty and administration the confidence to implement a longer-term solution via technology while we fight off this virus.”

Virtual learning at St. Pius X is much more involved than sending packets of worksheets home with students. Teachers, working from home or on campus, will be using various educational and technological tools to both deliver content to the students and encourage collaboration to complement the student's virtual learning environment. Faculty members will have “office hours” during which students can reach out to them with questions about assignments.

“While it is no replacement for in-person interaction with faculty, this is the best solution for the situation we are in,” said DeCosty, who has been the St. Pius X principal for 13 years. “We have an obligation to our students and families to do everything possible to provide them with the high level of education they have come to expect from our school.”

St. Pius X is scheduled to reopen to students on Monday, April 6. Any changes to that date will be published on www.stpius.com.