



April 20, 2020

Dear Villa parents,

I hope you and your families observed a special Holy Week and restful Easter Break amid the unusual circumstances of these times. Our gatherings and celebrations certainly look different than in past years, but our commitment to faith and family continues to give us strength and hope.

This afternoon, Governor DeWine announced that all Ohio schools will remain closed for the remainder of the academic year. St. Ursula Villa will follow this mandate and continue distance learning as our dedicated Villa teachers currently provide. The Villa's 2019-20 school calendar exceeds the number of days required by the state of Ohio; therefore we can conclude our school year earlier than originally scheduled. St. Ursula Villa's final day of instruction will be Friday, May 22, 2020.

We have been waiting for official direction on school closures and can now plan accordingly. We will proceed and make decisions to cancel or reschedule events such as 8th grade graduation and Villabration, as well as how to facilitate school functions such as fall sports registration. Please watch for updates as we communicate decisions and information and develop new plans with alternate arrangements and dates.

I am keenly aware that this national crisis has hugely impacted you – our Villa families. I know and appreciate the challenges of managing work demands, children's academic needs, and economic uncertainties. These are extremely stressful and worrisome times and I pray to God that our entire St. Ursula Villa community receives His strength and grace to navigate the difficult path ahead of us.

Thank you for your continued support, patience, and flexibility.

Sincerely,

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