

# St. Peter's Lutheran School and Daycare COVID-19

## Q & A

March 16, 2020 at 3:15 PM

Parents, Guardians and Teachers,

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### 1. **Do you have any advice on how to talk to my children about COVID-19?**

I have had two sites suggested to me.

1. Governor Evers has shared this information.

[https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-\(coronavirus\)-a-parent-resource](https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-(coronavirus)-a-parent-resource)

2. Another Options is: <http://faithparent.marxhausen.net/>

### 2. **I was not able to come Monday to clean out my child's desk and lockers. What can I do?**

The school will be open again on Tuesday from 7 am to 4 pm. Please stop at the office first before entering the building. It is your choice if you bring your child. Please be sure to bring plenty of bags as everything in desks and lockers must go home. Please check the lost and found table as well. Lost and found items not picked up will be disposed of over this break.

### 3. **Why did students clean out the desks and lockers?**

Two reasons - 1) This will aid the process of the deep cleaning that is being done while school is closed.  
2) The books will then be available for students to use during Home Learning activities.

### 4. **What is Home Learning?**

We are calling St. Peter's version of distance learning- *Home Learning*. We are blessed with AWESOME teachers. They have been working hard in developing Home Learning activities for our students. More details will be shared as soon as it is available.

### 5. **Can my children take AR tests at home?**

Yes, We are opening AR testing to be taken at home under this unique situation. They may test between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm

### 6. **Will the School Musical on May 1st happen?**

The School Musical has been canceled. It will not be rescheduled.

### 7. **Will the April 22nd Ring in Spring happen?**

The Ring in Spring has been canceled. It will not be rescheduled.

**8. Will the Middle School Dance on April 17 happen?**

As of today, no change has been made concerning the Middle School Dance. I will inform you ASAP if a change is made.

**9. Will the Creation Museum Trip scheduled for May 13-15 happen this year?**

As of today, no change has been made concerning the Creation Museum Trip. I will inform you ASAP if a change is made.

**10. Will the Parent Teacher Conferences schedule for March 26 happen?**

No, parent teacher conferences have been canceled for March 26. You may contact your child's teacher anytime to discuss concerns. The teachers will also be in contact with you if they have any need.

**11. Have any changes been made as to the end of the 3rd quarter?**

Yes, the third quarter will end approximately five (5) days upon the return to classes at St. Peter's.

**12. Are there any provisions for student lunches during this break?**

St. Peter's students can participate in the Reedsburg Free Meals for Children during the closure. This link will send you to the Reedsburg School District page with details.

[.https://www.rsd.k12.wi.us/district/coronavirus-update.cfm#d710772](https://www.rsd.k12.wi.us/district/coronavirus-update.cfm#d710772)

**I appreciate everyone's patience as we work through this unique time together. Please continue to pray for everyone impacted by the COVID-19 virus. Also pray for wisdom for everyone who is making decisions for the safety of our community, state, country, and world.**

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1. **Q: Is St. Peter's following the Public School Closing starting Monday, March 16?**

A: Yes, We are supporting the community effort to contain the spread of COVID-19.

2. **Q: Will Daycare be open Monday and Tuesday?**

A: No, the Daycare will be closed.

3. **When will the school and daycare reopen?**

A: We do not know at this time. The Governor's Mandate stated schools would be closed until April 5 or longer if necessary.

4. **Q: Will the teachers be providing homework for the students to do over this extended break? How will students maintain their educational growth during this time?**

A: I grouped these questions together as they are on the same topic. The teachers are meeting tomorrow to develop a plan to meet this need. We will be working with you to minimize the impact this break will have on the education of our children.

The plan is likely to involve a number of moving parts. **One important part is if students would have access to the internet and computers during the time we are off.** The home room teachers will be contacting you soon to find out what internet and computer options you have for your children over the break. You may also contact your home room teacher after reading this post. More information on this topic will be shared as it becomes available.

5. **I have heard of some schools using their Distance Learning Plans to keep students engaged and earn educational hours. Does St. Peter's have such a plan?**

A: The plan is in development. However, our first priority is to develop ways we can help students continue to learn during this time. How the State counts those experiences is secondary. Our first priority is the children. How the State counts the time for those experiences will be worked out at a later date.

6. **Will the Governor provide waivers for the time we are out of school.**

A: That is not known at this point.

**7. Will students need their textbooks and other materials over the break? If so, how will they get them?**

A: Yes, students will need their textbooks and supplies. The school will be open tomorrow, March 16, between 7am and 4pm for someone to come and get the materials. The person picking up the material should stop at the school office before entering the school. Contact the school office if you need a different time to get the supplies.

**8. Will my child need to clean out their locker, both PE and hall?**

A: Yes - this should be done at the same time books are picked up. This will make it easier for our staff to deep clean the building. Remember to check the Lost and Found as any items left will be disposed of during the deep cleaning.

**9. Q: My child doesn't have books to read at home. Can I borrow some from the school library?**

A: Yes, just be sure to fill out the signout sheet so we have a record of the books taken. They will not be due back until the school reopens, so take plenty if needed. Again, they can be checked out tomorrow between 7am and 4pm.

**10. Did you receive meals through the summer lunch program offered by RSD?**

If you answer yes, you will be able to receive a breakfast and a lunch from RSD starting Tuesday, March 17. More information will be shared as it is available. I know they plan to distribute the food in a drive by system.

**11. Q: Is the information the school sends through FastDirect the same information on FaceBook?**

A: Yes, the information is exactly the same. **Why post it in two places?** The same information is posted in both places since we do not have every family's email in FastDirect. However, they may have access to FaceBook. In addition some extended family members need access to the information and are not in the FastDirect system. Finally, some of our Daycare families are not enrolled in the school. They need access to the information as well. By posting the same information in multiple places I hope to reach as many families who need the information as possible.

**12. Q: I click on the FaceBook link for the Q & A information and I am denied access. I get a message that I don't have permission to access the Doc. Why is that?**

A: This is due to the security settings we have on our St. Peter's Google account. Basically you must have a ###@saintpetersls.com email to access the Doc without permission. We were unable to post the link on FaceBook as a PDF. The link needed to be posted as a link to the actual Doc on Saint Peter's Google account to be accepted by FaceBook. Once access has been granted you should be able to access the Doc at any time. I apologize for the inconvenience.

### 13. Q: Any new information from the Sauk County Health Department?

A: This is information I received through the Nixle system on Friday.

Prevention is Key: The best way to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 is to:

- Wash your hands with soap and water frequently for 20 seconds each time
- Hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol is a suitable alternative to soap and water, but only when you don't have access to soap and water, due to the shortage of sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth, or nose with unwashed hands
- Avoid close (<6 feet) contact with people who are sick
- Stay home when you are sick and avoid contact with others
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue and then throw it away; or into the crook of your elbow
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects regularly with disinfectant wipes; this includes tables, counters, door knobs, and light switches (list of effective cleaners here: <https://www.americanchemistry.com/Novel-Coronavirus-Fighting-Products-List.pdf>)
- Avoid unnecessary travel, especially on cruise ships and airplanes
- Avoid large crowds
- Avoid touching high-touch surfaces like elevator buttons, door handles, handrails, counters, and handshakes with your bare skin
- Offer video/audio options for large meetings and events
- Call in advance before you go to your doctor or hospital if you have symptoms
- For More Information: The best sources of information remains the CDC ([www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)) or the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm>).
- Sauk County Public Health and Emergency Management have opened a COVID-19 hotline for questions on COVID-19. That number is (608) 355-3200.

### 14. How do I get Nixel information sent to me?

A: Text your zip code to 888777. You can also register on their website: <https://www.nixle.com/>

### 15. On a different note, did you see the sunset last night? It was AWESOME! Check it out. If you look closely you can see a cross.



**Psalm 46. "God is our refuge and strength, and ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way..."** it is important that we encourage one another that we live by faith and not fear.

# St. Peter's Lutheran School and Daycare COVID-19

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March 14, 2020 at 7:45 PM

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**1. Q: Will St. Peter's Lutheran School comply with Governor Ever's School Closing Mandate?**

A: Yes, St. Peter's Lutheran School will comply with the school closing mandate. St. Peter's is working closely with the Reedsburg School District in coordinating our response to this situation. We will be open on Monday and Tuesday, March 16 & 17, and no classes will be held starting March 18. Further information will be provided at a later date regarding the resuming of classes.

**2. Q: Will St. Peter's Daycare be open during the mandated school closing period?**

A: No. We are closing the St. Peter's Daycare starting March 18. The Daycare will be open Monday and Tuesday March 16 & 17. Further information will be provided at a later date regarding the reopening of the Daycare.

**3. Q: Why is the Daycare closing?**

A: The Governor closed schools in an attempt to slow the spread of the coronavirus. Some of the factors the CDC lists as benefits of closing for a short time, 2 weeks, are that it allows time for further understanding of the local COVID-19 situation (e.g., community spread). It also increases social distancing amongst the immediate school community. As well as provide time for potentially exposed individuals to develop symptoms while not in school. If the Child Care were to be open it could potentially nullify the benefits of the Governor's attempt to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

In addition, St. Peter's will be conducting a deep cleaning and disinfecting of the school building while the school is closed. The time closed may also allow any virus that may be in the building to be eliminated. Having the Daycare open can potentially sabotage our efforts to have the cleanest, germ free, building possible when school resumes.

**4. Q: Will the School Office be Open?**

A: Yes

**5. Q: Will the Easter Break be impacted by the mandated closure?**

A: I do not know at this time. I am meeting with Reedsburg School officials tomorrow and on Monday. The Reedsburg School Board has added adjustment in the School Calendar to their agenda for their Monday night meeting. I will share any changes in St. Peter's School Calendar as soon as possible.

Please continue to pray for everyone impacted by these decisions. May we all remain patient and supportive as we work through this situation together.

**In conclusion I share a portion of a message Pastor Crolius included in the St. Peter's Bulletin this weekend. It is based on Psalm 46. *"God is our refuge and strength, and ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way..."*** I think it is important that we encourage one another that we live by faith and not fear.