



November 11, 2020

Dear Parents,

The **middle school, only**, will be moving to virtual learning beginning Thursday, November 12, 2020. Today, students will come home with the necessary materials needed to continue with online classes. Students will be expected to attend these classes and complete work assigned by teachers. Everything will be graded and entered into RenWeb in a timely fashion. Remember that we all need to work together to support our students and each other.

This decision has been made under the guidance of the Calhoun County Public Health Department, BCACS advisory board and the Diocese of Kalamazoo. We are going virtual for two weeks and will return after the Thanksgiving break on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Out of an abundance of caution, we want to be proactive to prevent an outbreak in our school building.

We have learned of two students in our building that have tested positive, one Monday and one today. We do need to inform you that both students started showing symptoms over the weekend and were in attendance on Thursday and Friday. We also have several other students that are absent for being a close contact of someone that has tested positive for COVID or are awaiting test results of their own. Based on this data, there are enough students that are absent due to COVID related issues that warrants a pause of in-person instruction in order to avoid school transmission of the virus.

We continue to follow strict health and safety protocols here at school, and continue to work closely with the Calhoun County Public Health Department. Please monitor for onset of symptoms related to COVID-19, including cough, shortness of breath, fever (temperature > 100.4°F), chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell. If you note any change in the health of your child, please contact your regular medical provider.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Sara Myers, Principal