**Possible School Closure**

There is still a possibility of closing down school. We are following the lead of the Iowa Department of Health which will be guiding the decision that school districts across the State make. At this time, if Cedar Rapids Public Schools announces closures, like in a snow day situation, we too will follow their lead. We have asked teachers to plan for two weeks after Spring Break although no formal decision has been made. The state has advised schools for distance/online learning. Assignments, projects, and videos will be posted on Powerschool learning and updates will be made via email. If school is closed all school activities will be cancelled including musical rehearsals. Notifications will be sent via email and posted on social media. If you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to ask by emailing me at jgredys@regisroyals.org. I hope and pray that you and your families stay safe and healthy over break. Continue to keep the entire world in your thoughts and prayers at this time, we do not know all the answers but all we can do is put our hope and trust in the Lord and know it is all under control.

**No School Friday, March 13th and then SPRING BREAK!**

With the end of the 3rd quarter, there is NO SCHOOL on Friday, March 13th to allow for a staff learning day. The Regis campus will be closed. Then we are on Spring Break from March 16th-20th. Relax and enjoy your long break Royals!

**COVID-19 and Returning from Spring Break Travel**

Regis Middle School will continue to follow CDC and Iowa Department of Public Health recommendations. As knowledge of COVID-19 continues to evolve, be sure to keep up-to-date on these guidelines at [COVID-19 information for Travelers](https://www.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list/covid-19.html) and [Iowa Public Department of Public Health - Protecting and Improving the Health of Iowans > Home](https://idph.iowa.gov/). If returning from a country with widespread or ongoing transmission of COVID-19 (Level 3 Travel Health Notice), follow the CDC guidelines found here [Travelers from Countries with Widespread Sustained (Ongoing) Transmission Arriving in the United States](https://www.cdc.gov/travel/notices/covid-19/widespread-sustained-ongoing-transmission.html).

Please continue to follow the CDC and IDPH guidelines when you return from Spring Break:

- Keep children home when they are sick.
  - Students (and parents/guardians) who are ill, especially with acute respiratory symptoms (not allergies or chronic conditions), should stay home.
  - Students should stay home until they are 24 hours fever free
- Teach your children to always cover their cough and sneezes with a tissue or elbow.
● Remind them to wash their hands with soap and water (or use hand sanitizer) after they touch their face, use the restroom and before they eat.
● Tell children to avoid touching their mouths and nose since that is how germs get into the body.
● Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects (everyday household disinfectants are fine).
  ○ Enhance cleaning of high touch surfaces like doorknobs, toilet handles and sink handles.
● Plan for when community spread occurs.
  ○ Ensure you have a plan to designate a caregiver, such as a family member or neighbor, for a sick child(ren) if you can’t stay home.
  ○ Know your child’s school plan to communicate with you when needed, such as robocalls, email or checking their website.

**Lent Week 4 Theme: Thanks**
The week we return from Spring Break, March 23-27, is our Lenten theme of "Thanks". Students will be watching the following Fr. Mike Schmitz video in their Religion classes with the theme of thanks: "Giving Thanks is Necessary": [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rjgsV2UUjG8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rjgsV2UUjG8)
We invite you to watch the video and have a conversation with your student(s) about this week's theme!

On **March 25th** students will have the opportunity to participate in Reconciliation at Regis.

**From the Business Office**
Tuition for the fourth quarter of school is now due. Please send payment to the Main Office to the attention of Mary Carey. If you have questions about fees and tuition, please contact Mary Carey at mcarey@regisroyals.org.

**Sacristans Needed for the 2020-21 School Year**
Seventh graders interested in signing up to be a sacristan (setting up and tearing down for the liturgical parts of mass and running the projectors) for the 2020-21 school year should fill out an application found [here](#), get it signed by a parent, and return to Miss Christensen by **March 30th**. If chosen, students will start shadowing the current sacristans after Easter.

**Hy-Vee Cash 4 Students Receipts**
Now is the time to turn in your Hy-Vee grocery, drug store and gas station receipts! In order to count toward our total for this year they need to be dated no later than March 31st and turned in shortly after so we can count them and turn them in by April 11th. So PLEASE turn in your receipts -- every bit helps! Thanks!

**Order Your 2019-20 Yearbook Now!**
Want a way to capture all the memories of your child’s 2019-20 school year at Regis? Then order them a yearbook by going HERE. Yearbooks will be available to pick up from Regis this fall.

Get ready for some water fun!!!

Mark Friday, March 27th on your calendars for an afternoon of water fun during Waterpalooza – a water-filled FUNdraiser for the new hydrastation at Regis! The fun goes from 3 pm – 5 pm in the Regis Middle School gym and includes:

· A chance to dunk Mr. Gredys, Mr. Svare, Mr. Eichhorn and Mr. Efting in the Dunk Tank!
· Duck Duck Goose -- choose 2 ducks floating in the pool for the chance to win a prize!
· Cupcake Walk -- Walk around the "water" for a chance to win a delicious cupcake!
· HydroFlask Raffle – Enter our raffle for a chance to win a HydroFlask!

The Regis Middle School Student Council is sponsoring this afternoon of fun! For more information contact Mrs. Lee at dlee@regisroyals.org or Ms. Jackson at ajackson@regisroyals.org.

Time to Register for Regis 2020-21!
Now is the time to register your child for the 2020-21 academic year at Regis. This process is our “Enrollment Commitment” and consists of two parts:

A. Complete the Enrollment Commitment Form in its entirety -- click HERE.
B. Submit a $50 Non-Refundable Deposit per child by March 30th to the Regis Main Office/Attention Mary Carey.

**This $50 Deposit is applied directly to your child’s tuition for the 2020-21 school year.**

If you have any questions about the Enrollment Commitment process please contact Dianne Clarke at dclarke@regisroyals.org or 363-1968.

**Financial Aid Information for 2020-21 School Year**

- The online FACTS application for STO award consideration is open and available at https://online.factsmgt.com/aid. This application is REQUIRED for consideration of STO Awards and Regis Local Tuition Assistance.

- If your family applied through FACTS last year, please use your same name and password.

- Families MUST upload a completed 2019 federal tax return and related tax documents if they are required to file a federal return.

- The application deadline is April 15, 2020. *This is a firm deadline and all families are strongly encouraged to meet this deadline.*

- The application fee is $31.00 per application (not per child).

- If your family needs assistance with your application, you can call the FACTS Helpline at 866-315-9262; Monday - Thursday 7:30 am to 7 pm and Friday 7:30 am to 5 pm.

- If you have questions about the Financial Aid process, please contact Mary Carey, mcarey@regisroyals.org, in the Business Office at Regis Middle School.
Plan to attend Royal T Night 2020 -- Keys for Keyboards!

Date: Friday, April 17th
Time: 6:30 pm - 10:30 pm
Place: Regis Middle School
Why: To raise money for new student computers! (iPads, Chromebooks & laptops)
Cost $60 per person, $400 for table for 8
Get your tickets: Online at [charityauction.bid/RoyalTNight2020](http://charityauction.bid/RoyalTNight2020) or contact Dianne at dclarke@regisroyals.org or 363-1968.

Regis’ only annual fundraising event, Royal T Night, is a fun adults-only casual evening of great food and drink, silent and live auctions, raffles, games and fellowship with the Regis community.

NEW THIS YEAR! A fun addition to this year’s event -- entertainment is Pianopalooza, dueling pianos! Proceeds raised from this year’s Royal T Night will go toward updating the computer technology utilized by students for 1-to-1 use and in the computer lab. We are looking for sponsors! If you own a company or know of anyone who would be interested in being a sponsor, email Dianne Clarke at dclarke@regisroyals.org for more information.

Shout Out to These Students
Shout out to Emma Von Kampen, Rob Welch, and Abe Renze for competing in the Regional Religion Bee last Friday, March 6. Emma placed 2nd and Rob and Abe tied for 3rd. Great job!

Royal Happenings
Attention Art Palette Participants: Just so you know, there will be NO Art Palette March 27th.
Mock Trial Camp this Summer: Regis Mock Trial Camp will be held July 20-24 at Mt. Mercy this Summer. For camp forms email Mr. Efting at jefting@regisroyals.org.

Transportation Reimbursement Reminders
Second semester non-public transportation reimbursement forms for the area school districts are due May 1st. Click the district in which you live to find the form you need to submit. Remember Cedar Rapids school district forms need to be turned in to the Regis office. Contact Dianne Clarke at dclarke@regisroyals.org if you have any questions.

Cedar Rapids Community School District
College Community School District
Linn Mar Community School District
Marion Independent School District

Catholic Daughters Scholarships for Fall 2020 high school freshmen
National Catholic Daughters Court will award two $1,000 scholarships to 8th grade students entering the 9th grade at a Catholic high school in the Fall of 2020. Requirements include: you must be a Catholic, attend a Catholic high school fall 2020, write a 500-word essay on “How will I be compassionate and bring the spirit of God to others?” and provide letters of reference and list of church, community, and school activities. Entries must be postmarked by April 1. For entry forms please contact Susan at 389-5512.

Knights of Columbus Council 909 Lenten Fish Fries
Knights of Columbus Council 909, which supports St. Matthew and St. Patrick churches, will again be holding their Lenten Fish Fries. To learn more click HERE.

CRAYM Hosting Youth Overnight Lock In -- March 18 & 19
The Cedar Rapids Area Youth Ministers (CRAYM) is hosting Fort God, an overnight lock-in for students in grades 6-8, on March 18 & 19 at St. Jude Church in Cedar Rapids. For information and a permission slip, please click HERE.

MCO Update
If you wish to donate shelf stable food items to MCO you may take your donations directly to them at 420 6th St SE, #120, Cedar Rapids or call them at 319-739-5490. Thank you!

Spring Sports May Begin - March 24th
Girls tennis, boys soccer, and girls and boys track will begin practices on **Tuesday, March 24th**. Students were able to sign up during their lunch period last month. If your child is interested in participating in a sport this spring, please contact Mrs. Chute at tchute@regisroyals.org or you may call the main office, 363-1968.

**On the Radar**

**Monday, March 16 - Friday, March 20**

- **NO SCHOOL -- Spring Break**

**Monday, March 23 (Gold)**

- 7th & 8th Grade ISASP Practice 1:30 pm

**Tuesday, March 24 (Red)**

- Spring Sport Practices Begin Today
- Jazz Band One Rehearsal 3-4 pm
- Musical Rehearsal (Choreo: In My Own Little Corner/Cinderella) 3-4:30 pm
- Xavier Cheerleading Tryouts 3-4:30 pm
- Regis Board of Education Meeting 7 pm

**Wednesday, March 25 (Gold)**

- Reconciliation 9 am
- Musical Rehearsal (Chef, King & Queen) 3-4:30 pm
- Xavier Cheerleading Tryouts 3-4:30 pm
- Regis Parent Association Meeting 5 pm
- Xavier Dance Team Parent Meeting 5:30 pm

**Thursday, March 26 (Red)**

- 6th Grade Speaker Day
- Musical Rehearsal (Choreo: Fal-de-rol & It’s Possible/Cinderella & Godmother) 3-4:30 pm
- Xavier Cheerleading Tryouts 3-4:30 pm

**Friday, March 27 (Gold)**

- Casual Day
- Jazz Band One Rehearsal 7 am
- Musical Rehearsal (Choreo: Impossible/Cinderella & Godmother) 3-4:30 pm
- Waterpalooza Fundraiser sponsored by Student Council 3-5 pm
- **NO ART PALETTE TODAY!**