

Dear SMPS/SFXP/JPII families and students,

Yesterday, Gov. Baker ordered the closure of all schools in Massachusetts, public and private, through April 6. This additional closure time is not surprising, and we are planning accordingly.

All of us are grappling with the new realities of social distancing and the uncertainty of the days ahead. While not wished for, we can trust that God will shed his graces in unexpected ways during this new reality.

As this period of school closure is now a minimum of three weeks, the importance of structured attention to academic instruction and requirements comes to the fore. Mrs. Hutchison, Mrs. Kelley, and Ms. Valentino will be communicating with you regularly regarding learning procedures and expectations. This unexpected change in mode will require flexibility and independence in ways that in-person instruction does not. However, I have no doubt that our staff and students will make this adjustment, and in the long run, be the wiser for it.

Teachers and administrators promise to be especially responsive to your questions and concerns regarding school matters. As many have said, this is uncharted territory; yet with good communication, robust learning will continue, and we will return with a greater appreciation of our school's strength and our community's goodwill.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Christopher W. Keavy".

Christopher W. Keavy
President