

FORRESTVILLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #221



SUPERINTENDENT
Mrs. Sheri Smith

March 16, 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

All schools in Illinois are under a mandatory closure March 17 – March 30, 2020. Therefore, there will be no student attendance or student activities, including practices, until Tuesday, March 31st.

At this time, the COVID19 mandatory closure is considered an ‘Act of God’ and the 5 missed school days are not required to be made up. However, because we have not yet utilized all emergency days in our school calendar, we feel it is important to offer our students as many days of attendance as possible. Forrestville Valley will plan to use four remaining scheduled emergency days in June as student attendance days, accounting for the Act of God days experienced this week.


Please update your calendar: June 5th will be the last student day for the 2019-2020 school year.

We do not intend to extend the calendar beyond June 5th, even if we experience a lengthy mandated closure. Instead we will provide e-learning opportunities for any remaining days we cannot attend school. While we fully understand remote learning cannot replace the traditional learning experience, we do believe it is important to offer alternatives when ‘Act of God’ days are in place and all emergency days are exhausted.

We will launch our first e-learning experience on Monday, March 30th. There is no expectation of e-learning assignments until this time. If you are looking for various resources for your child during our closure, please visit the Illinois State Board of Education <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/ContinueEDResources.aspx> for various opportunities.

More details will be shared after our Teacher Institute today regarding student expectations and how to access e-learning materials. Thank you for your continued patience and flexibility as we navigate the weeks ahead. Please stay healthy during this two week period.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Smith