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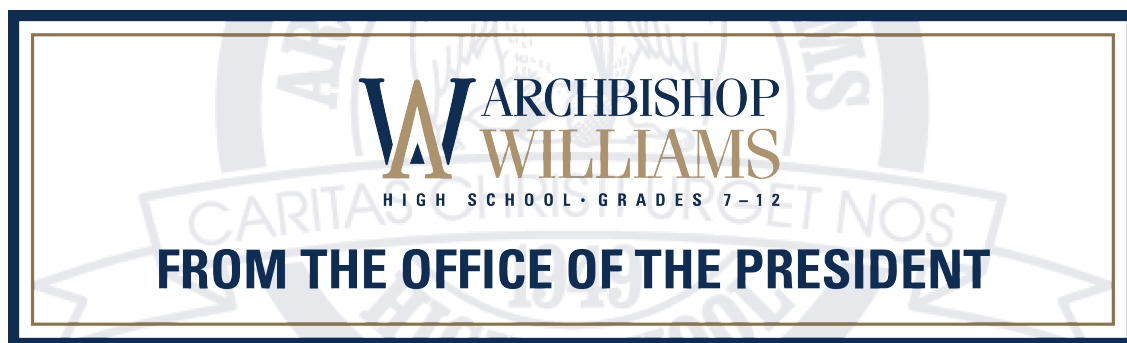
Today's School Closing Announcement by Governor Baker

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Dear Archbishop Williams Students and Families,

Earlier today, Governor Charlie Baker announced that all Massachusetts schools, public and private, will be closed for the remainder of the academic year. While we at Archbishop Williams understand and support this difficult decision, we are still saddened for our school community and in particular our Senior Class. Our faculty and administration had hoped that we would be together again with our students and would be able to celebrate our Senior Week activities before departing for Summer Vacation.

As most of you know, AWHS anticipated and prepared for the impact of COVID-19. As a result, our students and faculty have experienced a relatively smooth transition to virtual or remote instruction for the past five weeks and are now enjoying a well-earned April Vacation.

We have also planned for this eventuality, the immediate ramifications of which are as follows:

- The last day of virtual instruction for our Seniors, the AWHS Class of 2020, will be Friday, May 15.
- All other grade levels will continue with their virtual instruction until Friday, June 5, when Quarter 4 grades will close.
- There will be no Final Exams for any student. Each student's final yearly average will consist of the four individual quarter grades and the mid-term examination.

- All AP students must take the revised, online AP exam(s) as part of the course. (This expectation has been clearly communicated.).
- All planned school events and activities for the balance of April and the months of May and June are either postponed or canceled.
- We have made and announced contingency plans for Prom, the Senior Awards Breakfast, and Commencement for the last week of July, assuming we can gather as a community by then. We are also exploring virtual options, details to follow.
- While the MIAA has not yet made it official, the Spring Sports season is effectively canceled.
- In the coming weeks we will announce a virtual format for our end-of-year awards and scholarships ceremonies for Grades 7-11.
- We will announce a schedule by which students can come to the school to retrieve personal items from their lockers in a manner consistent with all applicable health guidelines and restrictions.

This is not the way any of us wanted to conclude what has been another great year at AWHHS. The manner in which we have collectively responded to this world-wide crisis and have come together to ensure that our students have continued to receive the quality education they deserve while protecting them and our employees, however, will mark a new, landmark chapter in our school's illustrious history.

We will continue to support each other as members of one family for the balance of these unprecedented times, and beyond, and we will prevail.

May the love of the Risen Christ continue, always, to drive us on.

Sincerely,

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