

December 12, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Monday, December 10, 2018 minor flooding was discovered in parts of our cafeteria area, some storage areas and stairwell. Plumbers were called in immediately and after diligent investigation, determined it was not an internal issue. Realizing that water was still coming into that area, it was decided that school would end early. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) was then called. In the meantime, I reported our situation to the Diocese, who arranged for a restoration company to come in to assess the needed cleanup.

When DEP arrived, a leak was detected further up the street and was repaired overnight into early Tuesday morning. While it was believed to be the source of the problem, we discovered that the flooding had gotten worse. I then determined that school could not reopen until the situation was resolved for the health and safety of our students and faculty. DEP was called back and arrived within the hour. Meanwhile, the restoration company was contacted immediately on Tuesday morning to inform them that we were still getting water. They came to the school, also within the hour, to begin strategic cleanup to minimize damage. DEP continued to investigate the situation and ultimately found another location where the main was cracked. It was repaired late Tuesday afternoon (December 11th). Once we were informed the water main was fixed, we followed up to confirm and verified the situation was resolved. The decision was then made that school could reopen on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 (today).

During this entire process, we have had the restoration company actively working to eliminate all water and continually drying the area. As of this writing, there has been no evidence of mold, or any other health-related issue, from this occurrence. However, we are continuing to monitor the situation and will continue to do until all necessary mitigation solutions have been completed. Above all, I consider the health and safety of all of our students and faculty of the utmost priority, hence the closing of school until I could be assured that the problem was solved and it was safe to be in the school building.

Thank you for the opportunity to elaborate on this issue. Transparency is critical in the relationship between students, families and St. Saviour. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

With that said, I wish you and your families a happy, holy, and restful Christmas and a happy and blessed New Year.

Sincerely,

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