



December 4, 2020

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and a few restful days off. It was a much needed break from this craziness, and although it was very different from our normal traditions, everyone made the best of the situation.

Due to the increased risk of COVID in our county, we understand the need to be flexible and respectful of your decisions to protect your family. We know that the holidays present another layer of concern and certain unknowns to not only our school community but the community at large. The Archbishop addressed our commitment to offer in-person instruction to our students, back in his August letter, as long as it can be done safely and is permitted by state and governing mandates. We want our kids in school unless our environment becomes unsafe or we see an increase of positive cases begin to spread within our own walls.

Thus far, we have been able to keep our students learning in-person. We want to be as accommodating as possible and offer the best education during these challenging times. Transitioning to virtual learning is not an easy process for teachers, students or parents. Unless you have a positive case in your home or your child is quarantined due to a direct exposure, we are unable to offer day-by-day or week-by-week virtual instruction. If there are extenuating circumstances for your child to be home for any period other than those described above, we will make every effort to discuss options on a case-by-case basis. After the Christmas holiday, school will resume as planned on January 4, 2020, and will be in-person unless we have a mandate to close or have an outbreak of COVID in a classroom or within our school building.

If you are planning to voluntarily quarantine before the Christmas holiday season, we are requiring a two-week minimum of virtual learning. Please contact me as soon as possible to make appropriate arrangements and obtain approval. This allows the teacher sufficient time to plan, make copies and prepare student packets and assignments. Daily or weekly quarantines do not allow for enough time for the teacher to prepare in advance.

After January 15, 2021, we will not be authorizing any virtual instruction options unless you have a positive case in your home or your child is quarantined due to a direct exposure.

Please note, if your child is sick (but not COVID related), they will be marked absent and will be able to turn in their homework as usual when they return.

If you have any questions, please call the school office. Thank you for allowing us to best serve you and your children.

Joan Schlaefel, Principal