



December 17, 2020

Dear Families of the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Columbus,

I'd like to sincerely thank you for your cooperation with Covid-19 health and safety protocols over Thanksgiving. As we approach Christmas break and the holidays, I am asking for your continued support. The Diocese of Columbus has been dedicated to maintaining an educational experience that is as close to possible for our students under health and safety guidelines, and we are grateful our partnership has allowed us to do so thus far.

I want to keep our schools open and serving your children for the second half of the year, as long as it is safe to do so. As we head into the holiday season, I ask for your cooperation with the health and safety guidelines that have been put in place by the CDC and the State of Ohio. Over the Christmas break, please continue to follow the basic guidelines:

- Everyone who can safely do so should wear a mask.
- Make sure everyone washes their hands frequently and uses hand sanitizer.
- Whenever feasible, stay 6 feet away from one another.
- Regularly disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- If you are sick, remain home and stay away from others as much as possible.

If you do travel, please consult the travel advisory websites of the CDC and the State of Ohio and please be in communication with your school administrators and nurses. If the area to which you travel has quarantine restrictions in place, you must comply with them.

If we all commit to follow these guidelines, I am confident that we can keep our students learning in the same Tier 1 and Tier 2 settings that have worked so well this year. Thank you for doing your part and for your continued support of our Catholic school communities.

I wish you a blessed Advent and a very merry Christmas!
Sincerely yours in Christ,

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