



# SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

God's Loving Light Shines Through Us and Our Actions

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope that you are hanging in there during these long, cold days! I'm already looking forward to the spring and the mild weather it brings, but it will certainly be awhile before I head out without a coat. Before we know it, though, the daffodils will be poking out from the ground, and we'll be thinking about the summer! (No, I don't believe it either, but I'm trying to convince myself.)

We're preparing for our return to school on Tuesday, and we can't wait! It seems that many of us are on the mend and feeling back to ourselves. The Omicron variant has most certainly torn through our community like a tornado, but we're hoping that it will leave us as quickly as it came. If the evidence coming out of South Africa holds true for the United States, we should see some consistent relief within the next few weeks. Until that time, we will be taking additional precautions in order to keep everyone safe and healthy. **In preparation for our return, please remember to have your child(ren) charge their school-issued ChromeBooks on Sunday, and remember to place lunch orders by Friday.**

Upon our return on Tuesday, we will be asking that students' desks be wiped down more frequently. In addition, students in grades Kindergarten through Three will continue to utilize the cafeteria, but will be further separated, allowing for more space among them. They will remove their masks to eat and will then replace them, and their activity will again be limited during recess in order to ensure social distancing. Students in grades Four through Eight who are purchasing lunch on any given day will be called to the cafeteria, where they will cycle through, pick up their lunch and snacks, and return to their classrooms. They will remain in their classrooms for recess time, as they did last year, unless the weather allows them to go outside during that time. If it becomes necessary, additional measures will be taken in order to ensure the highest possible safety precautions.

It is our most sincere hope that these measures will allow us to continue in-person instruction, which is clearly the best option for your child(ren). Unfortunately, at this time, the State of New Jersey does not support a remote learning option if in-person learning is available. As a result, we are unable to offer such an option. Should your child test positive for or be exposed to COVID, we will continue to provide an asynchronous alternative. In addition, we ask that you contact the office with questions related to quarantine, as the recommendations are changing quickly. As always, we rely upon your candor, for which we are extremely grateful, in order to ensure the health and safety of our entire population. As we continue this journey together, let us find hope in the knowledge that we will persevere. "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful (Hebrews 10:23)."

In God's Love,

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