



# TRENTON CATHOLIC ACADEMY

*at McCorristin Campus*

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Like many of you, I am anxiously awaiting the start of the 2020-2021 school year and am looking forward to seeing all of our returning students and meeting all of the new members of our Iron Mike family.

I thank all of our parents and guardians who took the time to share their thoughts and concerns with us via the survey that was emailed on July 8. If you have not taken the survey, I encourage you to access the survey and familiarize yourself with the different options and plans that have been carefully considered in reopening Trenton Catholic Academy in the fall.

We have named our reopening plan "Project Hope", which focuses on six areas to ensure a safe return for students, faculty, and staff. A task force has been assembled with our administration, faculty, staff, School Board members and individuals from among our TCA school community, who have concentrated on the following areas: Logistics and Planning, Creating and Maintaining Community, Curriculum and Instruction, Promoting Catholic Identity in Remote Spaces, Technology, Athletics and Extracurricular Activities.

As it stands, TCA will be open daily for students in grades PreK-12 on September 9, 2020. Please note this is a week later than previously scheduled. Certain requirements, such as wearing facemasks, maintaining safe distancing, and daily health assessments will be necessary in order to maintain a healthy learning environment for everyone. More information regarding the specific requirements will be forthcoming.

Our classrooms have been redesigned to allow for social distancing and our class sizes have been reduced to allow for appropriate spacing. We are currently working on daily student and teacher schedules that provide for cohort grouping and limited exposure among the cohorts. We are fortunate that we have smaller class sizes and a large building that will allow us to return to school without utilizing a rotating, hybrid plan.

Opportunities for students to attend classes remotely will be available, as well as a fully online option provided by Catholic Virtual for students in grades 6-12.

We have also been working closely with Commercial Cleaning to develop a plan to make sure the Upper and Lower Schools are not only cleaned and disinfected for the beginning of the school year but also routinely, throughout the school day.

We look forward to sharing with you our full plan for reopening in the near future. We thank you for your trust, understanding, and cooperation as we move forward. Even during these times of uncertainty, we can proudly say, "It's a Great Day to be an Iron Mike!"

I continue to hold all of you in my daily prayers. Through prayer we will be a better people and the world will be a better place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Knowles".

Mr. Knowles, President

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