

This message is being sent to all St. Mark families registered in FACTS Family Portal.

Dear Parents: Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing our students when classes resume this Monday, January 4. In the meantime, here are two important reminders:

1. Monday, January 4 is Spirit Day, so remind your student(s) to wear a St. Mark shirt. Refer to page 27 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#) for guidelines.
2. A message from School Nurse, Whitney Battershell:

If your child has been in direct contact with someone who is positive for COVID-19 over the Christmas break, do not bring him or her to school on Monday, January 4. Please notify me of the situation at [whitney.battershell@stmcs.net](mailto:whitney.battershell@stmcs.net) including when the student was last exposed to the positive case.

If, in the past 48 hours, your child has experienced two or more of the following symptoms, do not bring your child to school on Monday, January 4. Instead, send me an email at [whitney.battershell@stmcs.net](mailto:whitney.battershell@stmcs.net) and list the student's symptoms, when they started, and the severity of symptoms. I will contact you Monday, January 4 and discuss what needs to be done for the student to return to school.

- \*Temperature greater than 100.0 F
- \*Sore throat
- \*Dry persistent cough
- \*Headache
- \*Diarrhea
- \*Nausea/vomiting
- \*Abdominal pain
- \*Unusual rash
- \*Shortness of breath
- \*New loss of sense of taste or smell
- \*New onset of congestion or runny nose
- \*Fatigue
- \*Muscle or body aches
- \*Chills

Thank you for your cooperation during these difficult times. Keeping your children healthy and safe is my number one priority.