

**ST. BENEDICT**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL



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Dear Parents:

I am pleased to announce, barring any federal or state directives, St. Benedict School will open for all students full-time this September. We will also be offering a full virtual option for those who wish to keep their children home.

The COVID- 19 pandemic has changed the scope of education. Accompanying this letter is the St. Benedict School Reopening Plan. As you will read, many precautions need to be taken to keep our building, faculty, staff, and students safe. It is imperative these measures are followed.

I would like to recognize the committee members who worked so diligently in putting this important document together. Thank you to Mrs. Erin Michels, Mrs. Jennifer Penley, Mr. Anthony Valentino, Mrs. Megan Gallagher, Mrs. Noreen Potterton, and Mrs. Pat Sargent. I would also like to recognize our Vice Principal, Mrs. Christine Keeling, who chaired the committee. Mrs. Keeling's commitment to the students is unparalleled and we would not be able to open our doors for in-person instruction without her.

We tried to think of every scenario and contingency, but we are in uncharted waters. Situations will arise that are not addressed in this document. We will address all of them swiftly and sensitively. The health and safety of our community will be the ultimate goal.

St. Benedict School will be hosting a virtual Town Hall Meeting on August 12, 2020, at 5:00pm to address our reopening plan and answer your questions. You may submit your inquiries via email to [SBSReopening@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:SBSReopening@stbenedictnj.org). Please submit your questions by Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 5pm, this will allow us to compile the questions and get organized. A link to the meeting will be sent Wednesday.

Thank you for your continued commitment to St. Benedict School. We strive to provide a quality Catholic education for your children. It is extremely important to us to open our doors and classrooms during this crisis. Many of our students need to be in school, and frankly, we miss them more than you know.

Enjoy the rest of the Summer. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Kevin Donahue, Principal  
St. Benedict School