



November 1, 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope that you are continuing to be well and safe. The realization that we are beginning our 3rd month of school is just incredible. Thank you for your careful observance of the guidelines and for the wonderful support that you continue to give to me and to the faculty and staff.

Late last week all the diocesan principals received an email from our Secretary of Education, Ellen Ayoub, informing us about a decision to have all the schools go virtual for the week immediately following the Thanksgiving break. Her message is as follows:

"In an effort to keep our students and faculties as safe as possible, we need to look ahead to the upcoming holidays. Many families will be travelling to spend Thanksgiving together or families will come to them. That will certainly increase the possibility of spreading the virus to one another. With that in mind, all schools in the Diocese of Metuchen will switch to their virtual learning schedule for one week following the Thanksgiving break. Also, as recognition of all of your hard work to prepare for our re-accreditation, Bishop Checchio is giving all of the schools a Bishop's holiday on December 7, 2020. Therefore, your school will be closed from November 26 through December 7, 2020, with virtual learning occurring from November 30 – December 4. If your school traditionally closes for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th, please feel free to take that day as well."

I wanted you to have this information now so that you can make the necessary adjustments to your schedule. Please note that the Feast of Immaculate Conception, December 8th is already on our school calendar as a holiday. As we get closer to Thanksgiving, you will receive specific information from the teachers regarding schedules, links, etc.

Please stay safe and well. God bless you.

Miss Erath