



Nouvel Catholic Central Schools

Called by Christ to learn, love and lead... courageously.

December 21, 2020

Dear Nouvel Catholic Central Community,

Thank you to all of the parents who responded to the December parent survey. We had a completion rate of 77%. Based on dialogue with professionals across various health departments, as well as the data collected through the survey, instruction during the week of January 4-8 will be remote for all students.

The decision to have one week of virtual instruction before returning to full, in-person instruction on Monday, January 11, is based on a similar preference/comfort level (60% or higher) that lead to the Elementary and Middle School campus to return to in-person learning immediately following the Thanksgiving break. As at least 65% or more of our parents are comfortable with in-person learning by January, 11, we plan to resume in-person learning at that time.

Due to the data generated by the question on the resumption of in-person learning, the discussion about a return date focused largely on this question, as opposed to the follow up questions that were asked in the survey. The results to the question, "My preference for instruction following Christmas break is:" were as follows:

(School)	Return In-Person on 1/4/21	Return In-Person on 1/11/21	Return In-Person on 1/18/21	Other
Overall	49%	16%	30%	5%
Elementary and Middle School	50%	15%	31%	5%
High School	45%	24%	28%	3%

Students should have all necessary classroom materials to effectively engage in remote learning beginning Monday, January 4. Families that may need technology (Chromebooks) during this period, please contact Mrs. Amanda Kaul (akaul@nouvelcatholic.org) or Mr. Dan Decuf (ddecuf@nouvelcatholic.org), based on the building your child is in. Tentative date for pick-up is January 3rd. If you are interested in remote learning beyond January 11, please contact your building principal.

It is our hope that by proactively moving to remote learning for the first five instructional days of January, we can help to reduce the projected post-holiday increase in cases in the county as well as in our school community. If we all continue to do our part regarding the "three W's" (wear a mask, watch your distance, and wash your hands), this move should also minimize the probability of significant disruptions to in-person learning into mid and late January.

As we move through Christmas break, we will continue to confer with the Saginaw County Health Department as well as monitor community and building metrics related to COVID. We will work to keep you informed if any modifications to this plan become necessary.

Finally, as various vaccines are approved and become available, we encourage all families and staff members to consider your level of comfort with this approach to curbing the impact of the COVID

pandemic. Recently the United States Council of Catholic Bishops released a [statement on the COVID vaccine](#). This document addresses the Catholic moral and ethical aspect of vaccines that recently or may soon be approved for use.

We look forward to seeing everyone virtually in the new year on January 4 and then in person, on January 11. We will continue to update our community if/when new and relevant information becomes available. We wish the entire Nouvel Catholic Central community a blessed and merry Christmas as well as a happy new year.

Respectfully,



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