



The Mission of St. Mary's School is to gather as a faith-filled community in union with parents to form students through the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Catholic tradition and to provide an excellent education.

November 9, 2020

Dear Students, Staff, and Families,

Thank you to our St. Mary's School family for a successful first quarter. It is the partnership between the school and families that have kept us safe and have allowed us to remain face-to-face. Our second quarter is upon us and with it comes two major travel holidays. Opportunities to travel and gather with family and friends will likely occur. We ask everyone to make the safety of our students, staff, and families a priority.

The 2020-2021 St. Mary's School Preparedness and Response Plan was amended November 1st to include the following guideline:

**4.c(2) Employees and students who have traveled\* are asked to be cognizant and aware of any developing symptoms upon return from travel. It is *recommended* that all parties who travel, quarantine for 14 days prior to return to work or school. However, the administration of St. Mary's School does not have the time nor man-power to monitor and enforce the recommended quarantine.**

*\*travel is defined by St. Mary's School as the usage of public transit (i.e. airplane, bus, train, cab, etc.) to go from one place to another, typically over a distance of some length.*

**4.c(3) Employees and students who are visiting or have visited a large group of people (10 or more people) where social distancing and mask wearing were not constantly followed, are asked to closely monitor any developing symptoms upon return to work or school.**

We pray that before, during, and after you travel or visit with family and friends, please be mindful of necessary precautions.

The CDC website offers comprehensive information on how to stay safe during travel.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>

The U.S. Department of State provides up to date travel advisories to and from foreign countries.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html/>

Travel updates within the US can be found on each state's website.

<https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/>

Thank you for partnering with us during the pandemic.

Peace, Good Health, and Prayer~

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