



St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

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Dear Parents of St. John School:

Mr. Potter and I would like to share with you the three tier plan for the upcoming school year that we are required to submit to the Diocese. We are basing the plan on the best data we have at the moment and things could change between now and the start of the school year. There are all kinds of guidelines to study, but they are only guidelines. All decisions have to be made on a local basis. Before we lay out the plan I would like to make a few personal comments that I shared with the teachers at a recent meeting.

Please understand I am not looking for pity or sympathy as I give you these comments. See them as an insight into my thought process and the decision being made. As I enter my 37th year of ministry and in the 27th year that I have ministered as a Pastor, this is the first time that I have felt deep fear and anxiety in making a decision. Plain and simple, whatever happens this school year I have the responsibility of placing the school staff into a situation that could cause sickness and in the extreme death. As the pastor of St. John this is a burden I must carry and I will carry for the love I have for each and every parishioner.

At the moment here is the Plan to Reopen St. John School for the fall. The tiers will be based on the levels the state is using on a county by county level. This plan is not perfect and will require a full buy in by the parents but we believe is the best possible option for our school. *One aspect that we have not finished is how to handle a classroom when a child becomes ill.* After the Plan we will list the preparations already made and what we will continue to do in the future.

Important adjustment: We will move the start date of school to September 8th. We will use the last two weeks of August to meet with the parents and students during scheduled appointments to make everyone familiar with the new computer program we will use entitled Digital Academy. This program will be a linchpin to our school day no matter which tier we are in at a given time. Training on this application as well as other online resources will occur as a family. These programs will also allow us to move between tiers of the plan without a large interruption to the education process.

Information will continue to be posted on stjohnlogan.org and alerts sent out via Remind and email.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Steve Krile, Pastor
Andrew Potter, Principal