

Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Maternity B.V.M. School strives to provide a quality, Catholic education in a safe, healthy and secure environment for all students. It is our goal that our students develop a love for learning and become part of our BVM Family. These past 18+ months have provided us with an additional challenge, that is, to teach during a pandemic. I am confident when I say that we did just that and did it well for both in-person and online students.

The 2021-2022 school year will begin on Tuesday, September 7, 2021. Our students will return to ALL IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION. That being said, there are guidelines that we must follow to protect our young un-vaccinated students. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia Schools has issued a letter (which can be found on our website) that details the guidelines we are required to follow. The following rules and guidelines will be in place. Since our school is located within the City of Philadelphia, we must follow the guidelines set by the Philadelphia Department of Health.

- Every person must wear a mask, while inside the school building.
- Parents MUST monitor their child's health EVERY DAY, BEFORE SENDING THEM TO SCHOOL.
- Students will be seated at least THREE FEET APART.
- We will continue to keep close track of any Covid-19 cases within our school community.
- We will continue to clean and sanitize, just as we did last year.
- Students will remain in cohorts however, this will be modified according to grade and not homeroom.
- The masking mandate will be dependent on the city's Covid rate (the Diocese will provide a chart regarding this on their website)

<https://aopcatholicschools.org/catholic-schools-onward-cso-2/>

I am confident that if we all follow these guidelines, we will have great success, together we can do it!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mary E. Zawisza, Principal

