



**February 12, 2021**

**Dear Titan Families,**

**As we approach a much needed school vacation, I would like to share with you some important updates:**

#### **February Break**

**We all know that this year has been unlike any other. The efforts of our families, faculty, staff, and administrative team have been monumental - and the results so far are equally impressive. Above all, our students have risen to the challenge, embracing their new reality with a grace and determination that brightly shines through their face masks and across their socially-distanced desks. Knowing how much we all need to take a break, teachers have been instructed not to assign any work or require any assessments during the upcoming Mid-Winter Recess. It is my hope that we will all be able to use the coming days to rest and recharge our batteries as we gear up for the remainder of the school year.**

#### **Calendar Updates**

**Freshmen, Sophomore, and Junior students will receive an updated digital course catalog during the week of February 22nd. Guidance Counselors will begin to discuss the scheduling process with students in advance of course selections being made in March. The Guidance Department will also release presentations to parents regarding upcoming course selections on February 26th. Please check your emails for more information.**

**All students will be dismissed at 1:00 pm on Thursday, February 25th to allow for Faculty Common Planning Time. There will be no scheduled extracurricular clubs on this date.**

**Parent-Teacher conferences will be conducted on Wednesday, March 3rd. All appointments will be conducted virtually between 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm. Classes will not take place on this date. Detailed information regarding how to schedule appointments with your child's teacher will be sent out when we return from February break.**

#### **State of the School Video**

**Earlier this month, I shared a [video presentation](#) with many of the benefactors who consistently support Holy Trinity. It was designed to highlight some of the accomplishments of which the school is most proud. I encourage you to take some time to view this as well. You will hear from several current Titan seniors. They, along with school administrators, provide a first-hand**

account of the school year thus far and a preview of that which is to come.

### **In-Person Learning Update**

We have received numerous inquiries from parents of remote students who would like to return their child to in-person learning before the fourth quarter. Please complete the [Return to Classes Form](#) no later than Wednesday, February 24th if you would like your child to return to in-person learning for Monday, March 1st (contact Mr. Muller if you have any questions). This will be the only opportunity to make this change until the beginning of the fourth quarter on April 12th.

Over the next several weeks, we will continue to explore different options that will create opportunities for more face-to-face classroom instruction time. As the guidelines continue to evolve, we will do our best to maintain a safe environment which prioritizes the educational, social, and emotional well-being of the entire Titan family.

### **COVID-19 Protocols**

Our continued adherence to the safety protocols we have in place have been excellent. We continue to receive positive feedback from the Nassau County Department of Health about our overall compliance. I must remind everyone to continue to be vigilant in regard to social distancing, mask wearing, hand hygiene, and the avoidance of large gatherings. All families are asked to comply with the latest guidance from New York State on COVID-related travel restrictions. For the common good of all in our school community, we ask for your cooperation in adhering to these restrictions that we all face. It is imperative that all students, faculty, and staff inform us of any positive cases, out-of-state travel, or potential exposures to someone with COVID-19. Please email this information to [Ms. Cooper](#) (Assistant Principal/Dean of Students) and [Mrs. Caputo](#) (School Nurse). Please refer to this [link](#) for a full description of current New York State Quarantine Protocols.

I would like to thank all the members of the Holy Trinity family for their perseverance and extraordinary patience as we continue to work through this pandemic. The safety of our entire community remains our top priority. Each day, we are reminded of how critical our combined efforts are in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 and keeping our school open and safe.

As we continue to navigate this unprecedented school year, let us continue to rely on our faith, families, and friendships. May our Lord continue to bless you and your families in abundance. Have a wonderful February break.

**Joy and Peace!**

**Mr. Jim Grillo**

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