



Notre Dame Academy

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Good Evening Notre Dame Families,

After careful consideration I have decided that we will keep all students remote for the entire week after Thanksgiving.

Teachers will be on live instruction Monday 11/30 - Wednesday 12/2 8:30am to 2:00 and Thursday 12/3 from 8:30 - 12:00.

Friday 12/4 is a half day and all assignments will be posted in Google Classroom for that day with NO live instruction.

Report cards will be emailed home on the morning of Wednesday, December 2 and parent-teacher Zoom conferences will take place on Thursday, December 3, as scheduled.

During this week I will keep a close eye on any communication from parents regarding potential exposures and determine the next right actions. My ability to rely on our families to be transparent about their travel and exposure has played a huge role in allowing us to stay open to date. I am counting on any families who plan to travel for the holidays to relay that information to me directly so we can follow all health guidelines. **Please keep in mind if you are traveling outside of NJ you are required to stay on remote for two weeks.**

As of now, I plan to repeat this process after Christmas break as well.

We have been extremely fortunate in keeping our school safe. Even with increased reports of exposure and positive cases we have had zero community spread. That is a very good thing and we need to keep it that way.

The holidays are going to look very different for many of us this year. Just like you count on me to make the best choices for our entire school community, I am counting on all of you to make good choices over the holidays to keep our school safe and open. None of this is easy, but the sacrifices we make for each other make all the difference. I truly appreciate all your efforts to keep us safe.

In the Peace of Christ,
Mr. Valvano