



December 17, 2020

Dear Christ the King School Families:

As we enter into the last week before our celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas, I considered it important to offer a follow up to my letter last week in which I announced a week of remote learning January 4-8., 2021, before our return to full-time in-person learning.

I must clarify that my decision to provide a week of remote learning is in no way an encouragement for individuals and families to set aside the guidelines offered by the State of Vermont to avoid non-essential travel and multi-household gatherings over the Christmas break. It is because our families have been so attentive to these protocols that we have enjoyed a healthy and successful Fall academic season. I encourage all of our families to review the [Governor's Executive Order](#) and the [Vermont Department of Health's](#) guidelines for celebrating the holiday season and ask that they follow them.

For those families taking advantage of the day care being offered at Christ the King School from January 4-8, 2021, it is the expectation that they will adhere to these guidelines and send their children only if they have avoided travel and multi-family gatherings.

I cannot thank our families, faculty and staff enough for the sacrifices made and dedication shown to ensure a successful, healthy and safe learning environment in our "Catholic community of love and care." Once again, be assured of my prayers at Christmas and every day.

In Christ,

Msgr. John J. McDermott, VG
Pastor