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Principal Letter: November 9, 2020

*"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress,
and working together is success." - Henry Ford*

To All the Members of Our Corpus Christi School Family,

This pandemic continues to bring unprecedented times and unknown solutions. As the number of positive cases in the surrounding areas, nearby counties and even neighboring states continue to increase, all we can do is continue to stay diligent, attentive, honest, responsible and communicative with each other.

Corpus Christ School cannot guarantee anything other than our initial promise that we will continue to do what we have been doing, which is be honest, be careful, be proactive, and make every effort to keep each child and staff member safe. Please know that we have and will continue to operate with an overabundance of caution. We take even a possible close contact to someone outside this building that may have been exposed to COVID-19 with the upmost seriousness and attention. We may ask a student, a staff member, or even an entire class to switch to virtual for a period of time just to make sure we're being safe. We will continue to follow the guidelines of the CDC, the board of health and the Archdiocese of Newark but we will always be willing to do a little extra if it means keeping us safer.

We do also ask you to remember though that we are in the beginning of flu season, and that the holidays are right around the corner, and as a result, not every extended absence you see or hear of will be COVID related. Please know that we will always have the safety of the children and staff in mind and we will communicate when needed, however needed, the necessary information you need to know so that we are all on the same page.

Furthermore, it has been decided that the entire school will switch to virtual instruction the week after Thanksgiving. It will be mandated that all in-person families and incoming virtual families do the Cleared4School app every day we are not in the building from November 25th through December 6th. This is again being done as an overabundance of caution. We want to remain attentive and diligent so that when we do return to in-person instruction, we can all feel at ease that everyone entering is cleared to the best of our knowledge.

We are also looking to begin the process of allowing virtual families that wish to switch to in person instruction the ability to do so. It is a process we began last week and will be working on throughout the month of November so that those families looking to return can hopefully do so by Monday December 7th.

Possible exposures can and most likely will pop up around us. We can't control that. We can however, do our part to continue being safe, following the guidelines of the CDC, and implementing good hygienic practices every chance we get. I cannot speak for tomorrow and what challenges it may bring. I can though thank and commend each of you for your efforts, collaboration and cooperation over the last ten weeks. Through teamwork, communication, and strong individual efforts, we have made it through two whole months together. That cannot be



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understated or taken away. I think we can all agree that that was no easy feat, but it was achieved because of each of you.

A lot has happened since our last monthly letter. Mrs. Lemaire, Ms. Ferrera, Ms. Oliveira and the entire third grade put on a beautiful performance for All Saints Day. Thank you to all that made that event possible. Our other teachers continue to find innovative lessons and projects to complete with their students. Some of the work they have been putting out in the hallways, presenting to their classmates and sharing on social media has been astounding. Corpus Christi School is also happy to share that we have hired Mr. Nicholas Camilleri as the new 5th and 6th grade Social Studies teacher. He begins in two weeks and we at the school think he will be a wonderful addition to the team. Dress up days, school events like the pumpkin patch, and fundraisers have been a tremendous success. We even gave away a television and a \$250 gift card.

Now as we move into month three, I ask that we only continue to work harder, be safer, communicate more, collaborate further and approach each day with the goal of making sure the students are safe, learning and smiling at the forefront of all of our efforts. Smile and pray as we look towards the end of the first trimester and the coming blessed holidays that are rooted in appreciation, love, family, giving, and togetherness. We will continue to strive to be better than the day before and we will always do what we can to keep our family safe. Success lies in working together, and continuing to work together we must.

Stay safe and God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Feliciano".

Jason Feliciano
Principal