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Principal Letter: October 9, 2020

"Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work"."

- Vince Lombardi

To All the Members of Our Corpus Christi School Family,

Today officially marks one month since Corpus Christi School reopened its doors to our students and staff for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Naturally, it has been a month of relief, frustration, hard work, adjustment, reliance, worry, communication, and prayer. Collectively, we have been tasked with the tremendous obligation and responsibility of educating our children, getting them back on track psychologically, academically, and socially while doing everything that we can to keep them safe and smiling.

I have seen the exhaustion on the faces of our staff, the tireless efforts that the teachers continue to put forth day in and day out to provide your children with the educational experience they deserve. I applaud them, and respectfully ask you to do the same. Have we gotten everything right so far? Maybe not, but every day we look to get better and I encourage you parents, as integral parts of this team, to continue to support, ask questions, be understanding, demand better, and maintain that dialogue with your teachers and the administration.

I pride myself on being a person that listens. I have heard from the families and appreciate all emails, comments, and feedback. Last month was about acclimation and adjustment. This month the focus needs to be improvement and growth. Admittedly, last month my attention may have been centered more on returning to in-person instruction. While every student is equally important, five weeks ago, we were reopening our doors for the first time in six months, bringing students into the building, getting them readjusted, and maintaining new protocols and procedures that will help to facilitate safer days here at Corpus Christi School. I needed to make sure teachers and parents were comfortable with the plans in place while keeping everyone including every student that walked through the door as safe as possible.

This month my focus is on optimizing the virtual experience. Beginning next week, I will be contacting every family of a virtual student. I want to hear what you're thinking, understand your concerns and improve on the collective needs. When I say that my personal goal is to make sure that every student comes to school feeling safe, learns at least one new thing every day, and goes home with a smile, I truly mean that and I mean it about all of my students, virtual students included. Beginning next week, I will be reaching out to our virtual students for interactive meetings and lunches. I want to hear their joys, concerns, and questions as well. Together, we will rise above.

One of our 5th/6th grade teachers needed to resign at the end of last month. She will be missed and we thank her for her dedication and service over the last 13 months. I know many of our families are concerned. I assure you we are working diligently to find a replacement and make sure none of the students miss a step in the subjects she taught. I want to thank Mr. Falletti, Mrs. Mourad, Mrs. Adamo, and Mrs. Havriliak for the tremendous job they are doing to fill in the gap



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during this time of transition. I will be setting up a zoom meeting late next week specifically for 5th and 6th grade to fill you all in on the plan moving forward.

Our first session of MAP Growth testing will begin for in-person students next week. 5th through 8th grade students will begin testing on Tuesday October 13, 2nd grade will begin on Thursday October 15th, 3rd grade will begin on Monday October 19th, and 4th grade will begin on Thursday October 22nd. Our virtual students will have their first session of MAP Growth in January. We will communicate all of that information to you before the end of December. Please know that work and additional virtual sessions with individuals such as myself will be created for the virtual students during the scheduled times their in-person peers are testing.

Finally, progress reports for all students will be going home with students on Wednesday October 14th. Please feel free to reach out to teachers via email if you have any questions after receiving the reports. Virtual students will receive their progress report via mail or email next week as well.

This is a team effort. This is a group effort. This is a family effort. Know that we are all committed to the daily goal of helping our children succeed. It is a task that requires all of us. I ask you to continue to reach out as together we will continue to work hard and try to rise above the hardships of this global pandemic.

Stay safe and God Bless,

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

Jason Feliciano
Principal