



St. James Catholic School

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Dear St James Families,

I'd like to wish you and your family a safe and relaxing Fourth of July holiday. Like so many other things this year, it will be different, but I do hope you all will find ways to celebrate safely.

As we prepare for the holiday break, we have been monitoring the increases in COVID-19 cases locally. Because of these increasing numbers of COVID-19, we will not be opening our summer program or offering any on campus activities through July.

However, we are continuing to make plans for the 2020-2021 school year. Attached you will find our academic calendar for the year. Our goal remains to have all students on campus every day, starting August 17.

Throughout our planning, the safety and well-being of the students, staff, and faculty have driven our decision making. We are developing two models of instruction that we can seamlessly transition to dependent upon the restrictions placed on us by local and Archdiocesan authorities due to COVID-19. Here is a brief outline of some of the things we are planning:

Model A: Schools can be physically open

All students are on campus, with classes limited in size by classroom social distancing requirements. All social distancing and face covering protocols will be followed per local requirements. We will teach and reteach proper hygiene methods and adjust staffing needs to ensure students and staff are exposed to a small, consistent cohort of peers daily. We are working to develop a schedule where each class is able to spend time outside every day but we anticipate our daily schedule will look somewhat different than in years past.

Model B: Schools are physically closed

Should the Archdiocese or local authorities close schools physically, we will move to Model B. Students are at home in this model and will receive their lessons virtually, either through lessons pre-recorded by the teacher or live streaming.

As we all know, this is a very fluid situation, and what we plan now may not end up being our final plan. We appreciate your continued prayers as we work to have a safe and successful start to school on August 17. Should other developments occur after you receive this letter, our SJCS task force will develop alternate plans as necessary.

Please reach out if you have any particular questions or concerns. We appreciate your feedback and look forward to sharing another update with you in mid July. May God continue to watch over us and God bless us all.

United in Love,

Johanna Lopez, Principal