

July 2, 2020

Dear ASA Families,

We truly hope you have had some time to enjoy family, the summer weather, and time to recharge!

As you know, the Office of Catholic Schools reached out to all families enrolled in Catholic schools in the Diocese of Grand Rapids just after the close of this past school year outlining the ongoing discussion regarding preparations for returning to school in August. On Tuesday of this week Governor Whitmer released her [MI Safe Schools Roadmap](#). We would like to share some additional information with you as we continue to adapt all of this information into a plan specific to ASA.

- The first day of school for the 2020-2021 school year is August 19th.
- We appreciate that many of you took the time to respond to the Office of Catholic Schools' Survey about Remote Learning. We would like to gather a little more information from you as we look forward.
  - We would like to invite you to a Virtual Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, July 21, at 6:00 PM.
  - Please take a moment to [complete this open ended questionnaire](#) so we can be prepared to answer questions and comments for July 21.
- In the first part of August we will be sharing an update to our Handbook as well as our Return to School plans.
- Here is the [Student Supply List for the 2020-2021 school year](#). Please note that when we reopen in the fall we will not be sharing supplies so it is important that students have these materials. If that is a challenge please let us know.
- Here is the [TENTATIVE Academic Calendar for the 2020-2021 school year](#). These dates are subject to change. As we have information about these events, or dates change we will communicate updates via email blast and updates to the [school calendar](#).

It is important for school parents to know that All Saints Academy will continue to utilize the [CDC Guidelines for Schools](#), and will adhere to all requirements of [MI Safe Schools: Michigan's 2020-21 Return to School Roadmap](#) and the [MI Safe Start Plan](#).

All Saints Academy will reopen in August safely and prudently, provided Region 2 is in phase 4 or 5 of the MI Safe Start Plan. If our region is in Phase 4 when school starts, ASA will open to students five days per week, adhering to strict safety protocols. If Region 2 is in Phase 5, Catholic schools will open 5 days per week under safety protocols that are strongly recommended. The Diocese of Grand Rapids is currently compiling a resource summarizing these requirements and recommendations, which will be shared in mid-July. In the meantime, if you consult [the roadmap](#), beginning on page 22, you can preview the safety measures that will be “required” for schools by Michigan law and those that will be “strongly recommended” or

“recommended” during times when our region is in phase 4. You will find the same beginning on page 38 for times when our region is in phase 5.

Finally, Bishop Walkowiak wants to make sure no student is left behind. We are excited to share that he has announced up to \$1 million in tuition assistance for returning and new families whose finances have been affected by COVID-19. This tuition assistance is available for the 2020-21 school year. [Apply here](#).

Please continue to stay healthy over these summer months. We look forward to seeing you all in August!

God Bless,

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