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Dear Mount Carmel School Families,

With the season of Christmas upon us and anticipation for a new year, this is a time of joy and hope. It is with that joy and hope that we bring you some important updates, which are bulleted below and explained in detail thereafter:

- We will increase face-to-face classes for 7th—12th grades beginning Monday, January 11.
- We will maintain current traffic protocols, but will monitor them and adjust as necessary.
- Our teachers and staff have begun getting their COVID-19 vaccines.
- Report cards will be emailed on January 25.
- Please be current with your tuition.
- Remember to make dashboard signs or placards for after-school pick-up.
- Stay safe, stay vigilant, and stay healthy!

INCREASING FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES FOR 7TH—12TH GRADES ON JANUARY 11

As promised, we have worked diligently for several months to develop a schedule and plan to accommodate more face-to-face classes for our 7th through 12th grade students while still complying with COVID-19 Mitigation Guidelines. Beginning on Monday, January 11, as we start the 3rd quarter, all 7th through 12th grade students will report to school for face-to-face classes from Monday through Thursday. Note, however, that classes next week (January 4—7) will follow the current schedule (Cohorts A and D attending on Monday and Wednesday; Cohorts B and C attending on Tuesday and Thursday). Adjusted class schedules will be distributed to students next week to help them navigate the new plan for the 3rd quarter.

WE WILL MAINTAIN CURRENT TRAFFIC PROTOCOLS, BUT ADJUST AS NEEDED

While there will be an increase of students on campus on January 11, we will maintain the current morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up traffic protocols. This means that students still get dropped off between 7:00 am and 7:30 am and get picked up through our digital ordering system from 2:35 pm to 3:00 pm. We will monitor this system to see how it works (or doesn't work) and adjust accordingly. During this time, we ask everyone to be patient and to be kind because we are all doing the best we can with this "new normal". We thank you in advance for your understanding and support.

OUR TEACHERS AND STAFF HAVE BEGUN GETTING THEIR COVID-19 VACCINES

Through the vigilant efforts of the Office of the Governor and the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, our teachers and staff have begun availing of COVID-19 vaccines for educators. As a school family, we are doing this to keep our teachers, our students, our school, and our community safe. We look forward to announcing similar COVID-19 vaccines for students as soon as they are available. In the meantime, please continue to monitor all announcements and notifications from the COVID-19 Task Force for more information about the vaccine.

2ND QUARTER REPORT CARDS WILL BE EMAILED ON JANUARY 25

2nd quarter report cards will be distributed via email on January 25 from our student information management system, RenWeb FACTS. Report cards will be emailed to addresses registered with that system. If you do not receive the email please check your spam folder to make sure that the email was not inadvertently directed there. If you still have trouble accessing report cards, please contact our Office Manager, Leani Villagomez, at leani.villagomez@mcsknights.com.

Our mission is to educate the whole person to see with Christ's eyes.

PLEASE BE CURRENT WITH YOUR TUITION

As stated on page 13 of the 2020-2021 Mount Carmel School Handbook, failure to make timely tuition payments may result in your child(ren) not receiving final assessment services, which will, in turn, result in an “incomplete” reflected in your child(ren)’s transcripts. This means that your student will not receive a report card. Furthermore, ***failure to make timely tuition payments will result in lack of grades that qualify a student for the President’s List and Honor Roll.***

HELP US WITH AFTER-SCHOOL PICK-UP WITH DASHBOARD SIGNS

We want to thank everyone for their patience, understanding, and cooperation with our after-school pick-up procedures. We are doing all that we can to improve and streamline the process to make it safe yet convenient for our families. You can help by preparing a sign or a placard that has your child’s grade level and first and last name printed in large letters, and then hold up the sign or placard when driving up. This will not only speed up by the process, but it will help avoid “wrong” orders from being placed. Thank you for your help in this.

STAY VIGILANT. STAY SAFE. STAY HEALTHY.

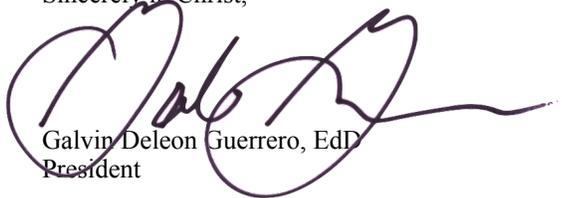
Our diligent and collective efforts as a community have kept the CNMI one of the safest places in the world with one of the lowest transmission rates in the nation. Likewise, here at the school, we thank all our families for working with us and cooperating with our COVID-19 mitigation efforts. Whether teaching your children proper hygiene, complying with our procedures and protocols, or following traffic safety procedures, you have helped our school safely conduct face-to-face classes. However, we must not become complacent. We must remain vigilant. As such, remember these three simple Ws:

- ***Wash your hands*** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- ***Watch your distance*** by maintaining a physical distance of at least 6 feet between yourself and other people you don’t live with.
- ***Wear a mask*** in public settings around people who don’t live in your household.

As we have shared many times before, this new normal is a dynamic situation that changes on a regular basis. The school’s Leadership Team, guided by Bishop Ryan P. Jimenez, Board Chairman Vicente “Ben” Babauta, and the school’s Board of Directors, are making decisions based on the best and most accurate information available at any given time. Please be assured that no matter what we do, we will provide ample notification and information to all students, parents, teachers, and families via email, our website, all our social media outlets, and local media. In other words, you will definitely hear from us and know what to do.

Indeed, these are challenging times, but we have survived devastating typhoons, economic recessions, and many other tragedies. But, we’re all in this together, and with **FAITH** in our Lord, **HOPE** for a better tomorrow, and **LOVE** for each other, we will get through this. We are **KNIGHT STRONG**. We are **MARIANAS STRONG**.

Sincerely in Christ,



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