



DIOCESE OF COVINGTON
Department of Catholic Schools

December 17, 2020

Dear Parents:

As we prepare to take some time off school to celebrate Christmas, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your trust and support of our Catholic schools - especially during these last few weeks of NTI. While this is not our preferred mode of learning, I can assure you that the principals, teachers, and staff in our schools have worked hard to provide the best experience possible.

I am also happy to confirm to you that our schools will resume in-person instruction as scheduled beginning January 4, 2021. When we return, all of the COVID-19 protocols in our Back to School Requirements document will remain in place. With your support of these protocols, both inside and outside of school and especially over the Christmas break, we are confident that we will be able to sustain in-person instruction just as we did the first 14 weeks of this school year.

Since the beginning of the year, all families have had the option to choose at-home learning. This option will still be available for families when we return in January. If you are planning to have your child continue at-home learning, it is important that you contact your child's school to make those arrangements as soon as possible.

In order for us to be prepared for our return in January, it is extremely important that families report the information below to the school principal throughout the Christmas break. Reporting this information is required and will help prevent COVID exposures and quarantines in our school communities.

- Student positive cases
- Household positive cases
- Close-contact quarantines from outside the household
- Travel plans (see p. 13, *COVID-19 Back to School Requirements* document)

If you have any questions regarding our return in January or the COVID-19 protocols, please contact your child's school or our diocesan schools office at 859-392-1500.

On behalf of the Department of Catholic Schools, we wish your family a blessed Christmas filled with joy, peace and hope of better things to come in the New Year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kendra McGuire
Superintendent of Schools