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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe it is July, and that school hasn't been in session since March 12. So much has happened these past three months. I am so proud of the way our faculty, parents and students adapted to an abrupt change in the way we delivered a Sacred Heart education, and I want to assure you that we have been hard at work planning for the 2020-2021 school year.

A Health and Safety Plan, following guidelines from the CDC and PDE, has been submitted to the Office of Education for approval. Once approved, the plan will be available on our website. We will also alert you via Option C, and will have a hard copy available in the school office. Until then, we'd like to make you aware of some of the major components so that you can plan.

Our current plan is to return to the classrooms for full day, in-person instruction. Health and safety guidelines will be in place. These include, but are not limited to:

- Social distancing and mask (or face covering) wearing (please have your children practice wearing a face covering at home, if you haven't already done so).
- Ongoing cleaning and disinfecting.
- Temperatures taken upon arrival, and a questionnaire completed. It will be ESSENTIAL that you do NOT send your child to school sick. Please, no dosing with Tylenol or Advil and hoping that symptoms don't show up at school. If your child is sick, please, for the health and safety of all students AND teachers, keep your child home.
- Plans in place for any student or faculty member who becomes ill during the day.
- Food service will continue with Maschio's offering contactless service.
- Students must bring materials from home (pencils, crayons, etc).
- After School Care will be offered, but limited to 20 students. All students must be preregistered by day, and no "late calls" will be accepted. (further information to follow).
- We are awaiting information regarding transportation. As we hear from school districts regarding busing, we will pass that on to you. If Sacred Heart is open, we would expect your children to be present, so please plan accordingly.

If it becomes necessary due to illness or Health Department guidance, it is possible that we may have to move to a hybrid model or return to remote learning. More information will follow on these scenarios once our plan is approved. However – it is our GOAL to have students back in the classroom on the first day of school, provided we can do it safely.

This will be a "team effort," and will require grace, patience and lots of prayer going forward. We are working hard to provide your children with a quality, faith-based education. We thank you in advance for your partnership and prayers.

May God bless you and bring you peace,

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