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Catholic Schools Office

The Catholic Schools office, driven passionately by faith in Christ, provides leadership, service, oversight and support to the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Vital to the evangelizing and educational mission of the Catholic Church, our schools are Christ-centered communities dedicated to the faith formation, academic excellence and individual growth of our students, all rooted in the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.

Dear Catholic School Families,

August 20, 2021

As we begin the 2021-2022 school year, we all remain concerned about the continuation of COVID-19 and its effects on our Catholic school communities. Our ultimate goal remains to have in-person learning while ensuring a safe school year for all students.

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati remains in alignment with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to highly recommend masking for all students and staff within our Catholic schools (This original guidance was issued on July 19, 2021, and remains the current guidance for all schools.). Since this is a public health issue, it is imperative for all of us to continue to follow the directives of the local health departments as this situation continues to evolve. This includes directives regarding possible quarantine, which may be set forth by individual local health departments.

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati includes 112 schools located in 19 Ohio counties, with approximately 39,000 students. Our Catholic school leaders are making decisions on a daily basis that best fit their unique school environments. The COVID-19 virus continues to be a grave concern. I have full confidence school leaders are utilizing the most recent COVID-19 data as it relates to the safety, health, and well-being of all. Case numbers, quarantines, and location are among the factors in these decisions. For these reasons, individual schools may have varying Covid protocols that could change as the impact of Covid-19 affects their communities.

Thank you for your continued support of our Catholic schools. We remain communities of faith who respect, support and love one another as Jesus taught us. Please continue to pray for our children, their families, staff members, and communities as we embark on another successful school year. Together we will move forward driven by our faith in Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Susan M. Gibbons
Director of Educational Services and Superintendent

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