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Dear Holy Family Families,

Thank you for your continued patience and resilience with the changes we experienced in education in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please be assured that we stand firm in our commitment to provide a rigorous standards based instructional program designed to meet the spiritual, educational, emotional, and social needs of each and every student.

As we prepare to welcome our students back to school on August 31, I encourage you to support, reassure and talk with your child(ren) about the importance of social distancing and wearing masks. Therefore, please consider explaining the why behind wearing a mask and have your child practice wearing their mask this summer.

Our Pandemic Management Team has submitted the school's Health and Safety Plan to the Diocesan Office of Education. Once approved, I will communicate the specifics of the reopening plan for Holy Family School. Please know the school will look and feel very differently this year. The health and safety of our students, teachers, staff, and visitors is our top priority.

At this time I can share some information with you:

- We are in contact with all the bus companies regarding transportation. The local school district's transportation offices where you reside will determine how your child will be transported to school.
- Visitors and volunteers will be limited this year, and safety precautions will be taken prior to entering the school building.
- School sanitizing and disinfecting will take place frequently throughout the school day.
- All faculty and staff will receive COVID-19 professional development prior to the opening of school.
- Policies regarding safe protective face coverings/masks for students, teachers, and staff will be provided prior to the start of school.
- We applied for the COVID-19 Non-Public School Health and Safety Grant to provide the funds necessary to purchase PPE and disinfecting supplies in order to begin the 2020-2021 school year.
- Specific procedures and protocols for monitoring illness is part of our Health and Safety Plan for the Diocese and will be communicated with you when approved.

- Daily health screenings for all students, teachers, staff, and visitors are required as per the CDC and PDE guidelines.
- Aftercare will be included in our reopening plan.
- The first days of school will be dedicated to learning all the new policies and procedures aimed at keeping our school community safe.

As we work toward reopening, please keep in mind that we must remain flexible during this time as things continue to evolve and change.

Pray, hope, don't worry—St. Padre Pio

Blessings,

Christine Bruce

Principal, Holy Family School