

11.13.20

Dear Saint Ignatius High School Parents,

Peace of Christ.

Today marks the successful completion of 58 days of in person learning. The partnership between the school, parents, and students has successfully enabled us to stay in school. Simply put: that is incredible and everyone needs to be acknowledged for their efforts.

All of us are well aware of the surging numbers across Cuyahoga County, the state of Ohio, and throughout the United States. Over the last four weeks our internal numbers -- of both positive cases and quarantines -- have more than doubled as a result of external community spread.

- Effective **Monday, November 16th**, Saint Ignatius High School will pivot to our Off Campus schedule for one week (see the schedule on page three).
- During the week of Thanksgiving break, students will not be required to attend virtual classes.
 Monday, November 23rd to Friday, November 27th is now an extended Thanksgiving break.
- Our plan is to resume in person learning on **Monday, November 30th**, returning with our current On Campus schedule.

Below are our numbers as of right now:

	11/13/20	11/6/20	10/30/20
# Active Positive Cases of COVID-19	14	4	5
# Active Students in Quarantine	90	46	44
# Students Coming Off of Quarantine within a Week	22	32	24

We fully expect that these numbers will continue to rise before the end of today, as we are currently contact tracing additional positive cases. Not included in the above numbers are twelve faculty/staff who are currently in quarantine. Therefore, we believe that it is prudent to pivot to virtual learning at this time.

Campus will remain open and in season extracurriculars will continue until further notice. Coaches and moderators will reach out to students regarding practices and meetings.



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Families should continue reporting any positive or suspected COVID-19 cases to Mr. Brian Martin '94 and Mr. Brad Ganor throughout the next two weeks by completing this <u>form</u>.

Students will hear shortly from Mr. Roger Stewart, Assistant Principal for Academics, and Mr. Ryan Franzinger '02, Assistant Principal for Discipline, regarding expectations for virtual learning.

Let me be abundantly clear: we all want our students to be on campus and in school. We want to finish the semester with in person learning. Without a doubt, it provides them with purpose, a routine, social interaction, and keeps them away from over exposure to screen time. All of these benefit a student's mental and emotional health.

However, it is also essential that I remind everyone -- parents, students and teachers -- how quickly plans can change. The next few weeks are crucial.

I invite all students, parents, and our own staff to double down on their commitment to following our safety protocols. It is absolutely imperative that we:

- Take the virus seriously and listen to the best science.
- Wear a mask when in public.
- Practice physical distancing.
- Wash and sanitize your hands regularly.
- Avoid large gatherings and parties.
- Do not allow sleepovers.

Additionally, with the holidays soon approaching, we encourage families to refer to the Ohio Department of Health's <u>travel policy</u> and whenever possible avoid travel during this two week period.

Our shared vigilance in following the above items will keep us in school. Complacency of such acts of charity will force us to go remote.

Respectfully yours,

Anthony T. Fior '02, Ed.D.

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Principal



	Off Campus Schedule							
	Monday Class Day	Tuesday Class Day	Wednesday Special Day	Thursday Class Day	Friday Class Day			
8 A.M.	Teacher Planning	Teacher Planning	8:30 A.M.	Teacher Planning	Teacher Planning			
8:30	Period 1	Period 6		Period 1	Period 6			
9:45	Period 2	Period 7	Teacher Planning, Optional Professional	Period 2	Period 7			
11 A.M.	Lunch/Office Hours	Lunch/Office Hours	Development, Student Support or Assemblies	Lunch/Office Hours	Lunch/Office Hours			
	Period 3	Period 8		Period 3	Period 8			
1:15	Period 4	Period 9		Period 4	Period 9			
2:30	Extracurricular work and support	Extracurricular work and support	Extracurricular work and support	Extracurricular work and support	Extracurricular work and support			
3:30								