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Friday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Good afternoon SBS Families!

We hope your summer has been safe, healthy, and fun thus far. We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for your continued trust in us to partner with you in the formation of your children. At this time we would like to provide a few reminders for the remainder of the summer as well as information pertaining to the reopening of school.

All students going into 3rd-8th grade should remember to check the Memos page of the school website for the Summer Academic Requirements. As a part of the requirements, these students need to read and test on three books within their ZPD. If your student needs assistance with their ZPD score, AR login credentials, or any AR questions in general please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Tolliver, our Assistant Principal.

We also ask that you continually check back to our school website and Social Media pages for important dates and information on upcoming events.

We have been and will continue to perfect our reopening procedures in light of the guidelines and regulations set forth by the State and Diocese. Our desire in making the plans is centered on having our students back on campus. Our start date continues to be Thursday, August 13. We do plan to present a more comprehensive plan to each of you and hope to hold grade-band specific meeting times in a few weeks to address certain details for each grade. However, given the fluidity of the situation we continue to ask for your patience as we fine-tune our plan based upon the most relevant information provided.

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At this time we would like to let you know of the following measures that will be taken for next year:

- Students in 3rd-8th grade will need to wear masks during arrival, dismissal, transition times, in the hallways and other common areas. Masks will not be required for student in PreK-2nd grade, but may be worn if the parent or guardian requests. Individuals with severe breathing difficulties should not wear face coverings and must provide signed documentation from a physician. Students will need to purchase or make their own cloth masks. Masks should be neutral in color and must be appropriate for school. We will have some custom SBS masks available for purchase from area vendors soon. Students should label their masks with their first and last name to help keep track of them.
- Currently, students in 3rd – 8th grade will be asked to bring one clear water bottle to keep with them throughout the day. These, too, should be labeled with the student's first and last name. We will update you on the plans for our PreK-2nd grade students.
- We are working with our physical plant/classrooms and creating schedules to ensure proper social distancing while in the class and during transitions. We are finalizing our lunch and recess schedules to ensure proper social distancing is attained.
- We are actively investing in additional cleaning materials and professional staff to ensure the proper cleaning and disinfecting of the buildings. We will be increasing our hand sanitizing stations and individual classroom cleaning supplies and high touch surfaces will be cleaned several times a day, including playground and PE equipment.
- Student's temperatures will be checked upon arrival each day and we will have several infrared non-touch thermometers to assist. In order to do so efficiently and safely the "Walker's Gate" may NOT be assessable at arrival time this year. We are finalizing these procedures and will be sure to update you soon.
- Any student with a 100.4° will not be allowed on campus. If a child is diagnosed with COVID-19 they must remain home for a minimum of 14 consecutive days and will be allowed to return only after written documentation has been attained

- by a physician. We do have a dedicated space for students who may become ill on campus. Students will remain there until a parent is able to check them out.
- CDC guidelines stipulate that close contact is remaining within 6 feet of another person for 15 minutes. If students should happen to be in close contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 they too will need to remain home monitoring symptoms for 14 consecutive days.
 - Jr. High students will not be required to dress out for PE at this time.
 - Campus access will be limited to students and school, delivery, and emergency personnel. We ask that parents please contact the office prior to reporting to campus and should only do so in the case of an emergency. If visitors are allowed on campus for any reason, they will be asked to wear a mask at all times.
 - We are finalizing weekly Mass and liturgy procedures. Mass will have to be limited to students and school personnel. However, we will be looking to live stream any liturgical celebrations.

Again, we will be provided a much more comprehensive plan soon and hope to address much more of our program in the next several weeks. We did wish to provide some update for you and will continue to do so as the start of school approaches.

Although this year will require a strong commitment from every member of our St. Bernard family, we remain optimistic about the growth and blessings awaiting us over the course of this school year. We will provide continued updates as they are made available and we continue to thank God for the gift our St. Bernard family.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John P. Masterson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

JP Masterson

Principal