



Dear Families.

Some of you may be wondering what is going to happen with PSR this year in light of the COVID19 pandemic. Well, as schools struggle to find the best approach to opening, we, too, have struggled. That is one of the reasons registration forms are coming to you at this late date. Our plan at this point is to continue with PSR but not necessarily as usual.

The school building is well prepared to accept students, with modifications to existing classrooms and the creation of learning spaces in other parts of the building such as the parish hall. Space is arranged so that desks are six feet apart in all of those areas. In addition all spaces that will serve as PSR classes will be sanitized after school and before PSR starts. The school has also made some changes to the existing HVAC system allowing for the exchange of more outside air. They are also looking into further modifications to help with air purification and circulation.

Parents will be asked to complete a daily assessment of their children's health before bringing them to PSR. You will be given more specifics regarding this process.

At this time all children, catechists and staff will be required to wear masks. This requirement may be modified in the future to exclude students in grades 1, 2 and 3.

In line with all the above, we have decided to use the governor's plan as a guideline for having in person instruction or distance instruction for PSR. If Franklin County is in Level One or Two, we will have in person classes. If Franklin County is in Level Three or Four, we will go to distance learning. More details will be forthcoming. We will follow all health orders as indicated at each level.

The calendars for Elementary and Middle School are included with this mailing. As of now the Chancery has not given us a date for Confirmation. That will impact the Middle School calendar once the date is set. We will let 8th grade parents know as soon as the date is given to us.

As you know, the COVID 19 situation seems to be ever changing so it is difficult to set a plan in place. There always is the need to be somewhat flexible as situations evolve. Please know that our primary goal is to protect the safety and health of our students, catechists and our families, while providing a place where all can learn about and experience our Catholic faith. This coming year it is more important than ever to remember that we are doing this together. As parents you are the primary educators of your children in the faith and we support you in this most important undertaking.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to having the opportunity to work with you and serve you in this most difficult of circumstances.

In Christ's Peace,

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