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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It continues to amaze me how time moves SO quickly. This Sunday, **November 21, 2021**, is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, more commonly known as the **Feast of Christ the King**. This day marks the end of the liturgical year. This day celebrates that Jesus Christ is the true King that should reign in our hearts. A new liturgical year begins next **Sunday, November 28, 2021**, with the season of **Advent**. As our journey continues, we pray that God continues to protect us with the strength and the grace to remain steadfast in our faith.

Moving forward ... please note the following.

- **COVID FAQs** and resulting timelines can be found on our website to be used as a reference.
- **Per school policy:**
 - if someone in your house was EXPOSED to COVID 19, we should be notified IMMEDIATELY.
 - Upon being notified, [we will calculate the OFFICAL timeline](#) that will include the [allowable dates](#) for testing and return to school.
 - if someone in your house is being TESTED for COVID 19, we should be notified IMMEDIATELY.
 - Your child/children may **NOT** return to school until test results have been received.

- If your child/children are being tested for COVID 19, we should be notified IMMEDIATELY.
 - Your child/children may NOT return to school until a **NEGATIVE** result has been received and a copy of the test results have been provided to the school.
 - If a child is sent home due to illness, the child must remain home for a **full 24 hours**.
 - With families with multiple siblings in the school:
 - if one sibling goes home from school sick, all remaining sibling must go home as well.
 - if one sibling is absent from school due to illness, all remaining sibling must remain home as well.
 - If your child/children are absent from school for **3 or more consecutive days**, a doctor's note is required.
 - If you, as parents, have made the decision to have your child/children vaccinated, please report his/her vaccination status by providing a copy of the vaccination card to the office.
- **Travel Reminder:**
- The holidays are quickly approaching and people may choose to travel more than they have during the past two years.
 - Saint Raphael School will **CONTINUE** to follow the **CDC and NJDOH guidelines** for quarantining and testing.
 - If you traveled outside of the state, excluding travel to NY, PA, and DE, you **MUST** quarantine for **10 FULL days AFTER** your return date.
 - Please contact us with your travel plans so that **we can calculate the official timeline** that will include the allowable dates for testing and return to school.
 - Quarantine may be **shortened** if you test on **Days 5 through 7**. You may return to school on Day 8 with a **NEGATIVE** test result.
 - **NJDOH recommends testing on Day 7 for GREATER accuracy.**
 - For **VACCINATED** domestic travelers, **NO** quarantine is required. We ask that you monitor for symptoms and get tested if any symptoms develop.
 - Remote Instruction is **NOT** available for those traveling or going on vacation.

- Remote Instruction is **ONLY** available for confirmed POSITIVE exposures and POSITIVE test results.

- **Dressing for the Weather:**
 - As the colder weather has arrived ... YAY!!! ... and I know that I am probably one of a VERY few that feels this way ... it is VERY important that we dress accordingly.
 - Classroom windows are open to maintain proper ventilation.
 - Students WILL continue to go outside for recess unless it is raining or the temperature falls below 32 degrees.
 - Students are encouraged to wear their SRS sweatshirts or fleece in the classrooms.
 - Winter jackets, hats and gloves are strongly recommended.

- **Morning Arrival Time:**
 - It has been noted over the past several weeks that there has been a **SIGNIFICANT** increase in the number of students arriving **LATE** to school in the morning.
 - **It is expected that all students arrive by 7:45 am.**
 - Tardiness causes a great disruption to established morning routines for an entire classroom as well as the front office and sets the tone for the remainder of the day.
 - We more than understand that situations occur and/or emergencies happen but this has become more of a pattern than an emergency.
 - Please reassess your morning routines to ensure that your child/children arrives on time. This will allow them to begin the day in a calm and peaceful manner. Thank you for your immediate attention to this.

- **Trimester I and Parent Access:**
 - Trimester I officially closes tomorrow, Friday, November 19, 2021
 - Parent Access will close tomorrow, Friday, November 19, 2021 and will remain closed until Monday, December 6, 2021

- **2022-2023 School Year**
 - We have begun the process of preparing for the next school year.
 - Those with students in grades K – 8 wishing to apply for **Diocesan Tuition Assistance** may do so on line.
 - The link to the application can be found on our website.
 - Round I deadline is **March 1, 2021**.
 - Round II deadline is **May 16, 2022**.

▪ **Important Upcoming Dates:**

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| • Fri., Nov. 19, 2020 | Trimester I closes. Parent Access closes. |
| • Sat., Nov. 20, 2021 | “Last Ticket Standing” |
| • Sun. Nov. 21, 2021 | Feast of Christ the King |
| • Mon., Nov. 22, 2021 | APEX Event begins |
| • Wed., Nov. 24, 2021 | 12:30 Dismissal Day. NO ASC Program. |
| • Thurs. Nov. 25 & 26, 2021 | Thanksgiving Recess |
| • Sun., Nov. 28, 2021 | First Sunday of Advent |
| • Wed., Dec. 8, 2021 | Diocesan Holiday – NO SCHOOL
*Feast of the Immaculate Conception |

I wish you God’s peace.

God Bless.

Mrs. Cwirko