

HOLY CHILD ACADEMY

SCHOOL REOPENING TASK FORCE

COMMITTED TO THE HEALTH & SAFETY OF OUR HCA COMMUNITY

Dear Families of Holy Child Academy,

First and foremost, I pray that you are all enjoying a safe summer with your families. Our faculty and staff are continuing to diligently prepare for our return to in-person instruction in September. We have reflected on the unprecedented challenges of this past spring, and are making every effort to prepare for a safe and engaging year ahead. Below are a few points of information I wanted to share to ensure you are informed over these summer months:

- The HCA diversity committee will be hosting brainstorming/planning sessions this summer to foster open discourse surrounding diversity. We invite all families who are interested in participating to contact Mrs. Julie Myers at jmyers@holychildacademy.com no later than July 17th. We believe in advancing our mission of educating boys and girls of all faiths, races, and ethnicities in an environment of trust, respect, and inclusion, preparing students to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world.
- On behalf of the School Reopening Task Force, thank you to all families who provided their feedback through the parent survey. Your thoughts provided great insight, and are being carefully considered as we continue to prepare for a new academic year.
- As you may or may not be aware, some schools have announced their plans to implement a version of hybrid classes, both in person and virtually, for this Fall. To clarify, at this time, HCA does not plan to implement hybrid instruction. We will be resuming classes in-person, 5 days a week. Our small class sizes not only allow for individualized attention in the classroom, but also will allow us to instruct while practicing safe social distancing.
- The School Reopening Task Force has been working diligently to create a comprehensive plan for the safe reopening of school. The plan is being reviewed by our HCA Board of Trustees as well as a prominent physician who is a leader in infectious disease in the region. **We look forward to sharing our detailed plan for school reopening by the end of July.**
- While we continue to work on a detailed plan to share with you, we have begun the process of adapting our classrooms to ensure safe social distancing; purchasing industrial-strength cleaning and sanitation tools; preparing for masking during the school day; investing in new educational software and technologies; and prioritizing professional development for our faculty and staff. To date, our faculty and staff have collectively attended more than 80 trainings and webinars pertaining to safe school reopening; technology; distance learning; diversity and more.

Please rest in the knowledge that we are committed to providing our students with the highest quality education in a safe and inclusive learning environment. We look forward to communicating all of the steps we have already taken and will be taking during the school year for our students.

Yours in Gratitude,

Margaret Fox-Tully

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Head of School

Thank you for helping make the 2019-2020 school year a success despite its challenges.
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