



PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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December 3, 2020

Dear PCHS Parents,

We will resume our blended learning model of instruction on Monday, December 7, 2020. We have attached a December school calendar to this message detailing each cohort's attendance days through the end of the first semester. Remember, semester exams will be administered December 17, 18, 21 & 22. The Gold cohort will test in the mornings, while the Green cohort tests in the afternoons. We will be in contact with the parents of our full-time online students concerning exams. Each cohort will be emailed a specific semester exam schedule by Monday, December 7, 2020.

The administration remains very concerned over the potential impact Thanksgiving family gatherings may have on the spread of the COVID-19 virus at school. Based upon the limited number of calls reporting student absences to our Attendance Office this week, we are cautiously optimistic over our decision to reopen school next week.

Although we will continue to monitor this situation closely, we ask that, if over the Thanksgiving recess, your student attended any social gatherings that included individuals outside your immediate family, you quarantine your student for at least 14 days, before sending them back to "in person" learning. Health experts have recently reminded us that it sometimes can take more than 10 days for symptoms of the virus to surface.

Most medical experts are projecting that the next three months will be particularly significant, serious and challenging in addressing the spread of COVID-19. Face masks, social distancing, and frequent handwashing, all continue to be important safety requirements at school and throughout our communities. When choosing a mask, be sure your student wears one that is relatively thick, and multi-layered. Our Celtic Spirit shop currently sells triple-ply face masks and has multi-layer gaiters available for pre-order. For more information, please contact our Spirit Shop Manager, Ms. Laura Moss at lmoss@providenceschool.org.

We are proud of our school's reopening plan, most especially, the twelve consecutive weeks of student attendance, without interruption. This achievement would not have been possible without the support and cooperation of all stakeholders...our teachers, staff members, students and families. We will continue to rely upon this support and cooperation as we prepare to finish the first semester. Thank you!

In Truth, Unity and Love,

Fr. Merk & Dr. Harper