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Dear Parents,

We are certainly proud and grateful that we have been able to successfully offer our students a combination of in-person learning with online instruction these past 4 months. Over the course of this semester, we have seen the number of remote online learners fluctuate on a weekly, sometimes daily basis. At the beginning of the school year, approximately 25 students elected to be full-time online and attend classes remotely. As the school year progressed, this number has grown; currently, we have just over 80 students learning remotely full-time. This number does not include those students at home quarantining because they themselves have COVID-19 or have been exposed. I am immensely proud of our students and teachers for adapting to these ever-changing circumstances and seamlessly shifting between two very different instructional models.

In light of the challenges we have encountered, the school administration has extended latitude to each teacher to determine how best to administer semester exams to both our in-person and online students. While some teachers will administer a traditional semester exam, others intend to give a unit test which covers only the most recently taught content. Some teachers have already assigned a project or performance-based assessment. Because the nature of each one of these assessments is different, the expectations for students will vary.

By the end of this week, each teacher will clearly communicate via email his/her plans and expectations related to semester exams/assessments. The teachers will list:

1. The type of assessment (i.e. semester exam, unit test, project/performance-based assessment)
2. The date and time of that assessment
3. Whether or not the semester exam exemption for Seniors applies to the assessment.

Our published exam dates are December 17, 18, 21 and 22. In some cases, teachers intend to administer assessments prior to these dates, while other teachers plan to test on these specific days. Should all testing and work be completed prior to semester exams, your student will not need to report to that class during its scheduled semester exam time.

Attached to this message is a copy of your student's exam schedule based on his/her cohort.

As we prepare to enter the holiday season in this most unusual of school terms, the Providence Catholic Family gives thanks for your patience, support and enduring understanding. God Bless you this Christmas!

In Truth, Unity and Love,
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ADDENDUM

Dear Parents and Students,

Please accept this as an addendum to the information sent out on Tuesday morning regarding semester exams and assessments..

The vast majority of our students are participating in the blended learning model by attending school in person two to three days a week, and live streaming lessons from home the other days. **THESE STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE ALL END OF THE SEMESTER ASSESSMENTS IN PERSON WITH THEIR COHORT.** Failure to do so, will result in the teacher assigning the student an INCOMPLETE on his/her report card. The student is then responsible for arranging an alternative time with the teacher to make-up the assessment. Once completed, the teacher will recalculate the student's grade and submit it to our Registrar.

A great deal of teacher preparation time goes in to organizing and setting up online assessments. Consequently, online assessments are reserved for only those students who are either attending school remotely full time or are quarantining on the dates end of semester assessments are given.

Sincerely,
Dr. Harper
Principal