



PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

As we enter the Labor Day weekend, I am pleased to report that, thanks to the extraordinary efforts of our students and teachers, we have successfully completed two full weeks of school! Our daily pre-certification process, coupled with our new temperature scanning machines, have combined to make student arrival each morning a smooth, almost seamless operation. Classroom desks, and lunchroom tables are all positioned 6 feet apart, and for the most part, our students are doing a great job of keeping their masks over their noses and mouths throughout the school day. Passing periods do present a challenge when it comes to social distancing; however, the students are getting more accustomed to spreading out and distancing themselves from classmates the best they can. Our Maintenance Staff uses a special fogging machine to clean and disinfect classrooms, and to provide our teachers and students with a safe, healthy workspace.

The majority of our students are completing the pre-certification form properly each morning. However, we still have quite a few students who start the form, see the green checkmark, but fail to submit it. Please remind your students to be sure and click the "Submit" button at the bottom of the form. Each morning, we compare the data from the precertification form to our attendance report; if a student did not "Submit", then he/she is technically not approved to be in attendance. We appreciate your help!

We have experienced a rather unusual challenge we need your help addressing. Some students seem to think, on days when their cohort is scheduled to be on-campus for in person learning, they have the option to stay home, attend classes online, and be considered present at school. It is important to point out, students not physically present on days when their cohort is assigned to be here, are being recorded as absent from school. Students do not have the option to stay home and learn online those days. The blended schedule is intended to give students and teachers the opportunity to have face-to-face engagement each week, and we expect our students to be physically present in school when their cohort is assigned to be here. Please take time this weekend to review this attendance policy with your student.

Have a blessed and relaxing Labor Day weekend!

In Truth, Unity and Love,
Dr. John Harper
Principal