

PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Providence Family,

Happily, we closed last week, our sixth week together, safely and successfully. This was accomplished primarily through the cooperation of all representatives of the Providence Family (administration, faculty, staff, students and families). For this we should be thankful to our God.

Parents, I appeal to you to be vigilant and not let your guard down. Our being spared a major incident so far is not a promise nor a guarantee of future success. We must remain vigilant. As I said earlier, mutual trust and cooperation are the foundation for our continued success. If this trust is compromised, by not reporting the full circumstances of a positive diagnosis or by withholding contact tracing information, the safety of our community---students, faculty and staff---is in jeopardy.

Please make good and safe decisions concerning your child's recreation. COVID is racing through the younger groups, teen-age to early 30s. Remember the 3 Ws:

Watch your distance! Wash your hands! Wear a mask!

Prayers for health and safety, Fr. Merk

P.S. Parents, if you know that your child has been exposed to COVID (even if they have not tested positive), please consider the common good and quarantine them the for the safety of all! Better safe than sorry!