



PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Providence Catholic Family,

In the midst of a pandemic, exciting things are happening at Providence Catholic! We are in week 11 of blended classes, our Enrollment Office has hosted a number of successful mini Open Houses and the Providence Catholic Marching Band claimed the school's first STATE CHAMPIONSHIP! Congratulations to this team on their incredible work and dedication, under the guidance of Mr. Lawrence Rogers. In a year with added obstacles to performing, they rose to the challenge and brought home a state championship! Our tradition of excellence continues!

We also wanted to take this time to inform you of some important calendar changes as it pertains to Thanksgiving Break and semester exams. Currently, Thanksgiving break starts at the close of school on Tuesday, November 24th. We want to honor the Marching Band with a traditional free day for placing First in the state competition. We will award this day on Tuesday, November 24th. With gratitude and admiration for the incredible effort put forth by our faculty, staff, students and parents, we will cancel classes for Monday, November 23rd. Thus, Thanksgiving break will begin after school on Friday, November 20th and continue through Sunday, November 29th! We hope you enjoy the extended break which is well-deserved.

In order to administer semester exams to two in-person cohorts and our full-time online students, we have added a day onto the semester exam schedule. Second quarter will end on Wednesday, December 16th with exams taking place on Thursday, December 17th, Friday, December 18th, Monday, December 21st and Tuesday, December 22nd. Exams will be given in person, not online and two exams are scheduled per day; each 55-minutes in length with a 15-minute break between tests. The GOLD cohort is scheduled to take exams in the mornings, and the GREEN cohort is scheduled for the afternoons. Accommodations and exam times for full-time online students are being finalized. Later this week, all students and parents will receive information including a specific test schedule for their respective cohort. Report cards will be emailed out by December 29th. Updated calendars for November and December are included in this communication.

As we continue to see the number of positive COVID cases climb in our county and country, we remind you to please use caution, be vigilant and not let your guard down. PLEASE think of the safety of your family, and of the common good of all students, their families, our faculty and staff. Please do not sponsor nor support gatherings that are hazardous to health, and that will endanger what we have accomplished: 11 weeks of being in school and counting!

Prayers for a safe, happy and healthy Thanksgiving break!
Fr. Merk & Dr. Harper