



DIOCESE of SACRAMENTO
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Diocese of Sacramento Catholic School Families,

We are excited to be back on campus this year in-person and in community with one another. After visiting several of our Catholic schools over the last couple weeks it is clear that our students are thriving and our principals and teachers continue to foster safe environments where our faith is celebrated and lived each day. As I have visited each school, all I have witnessed are joyous students, invigorating energy, and our Catholic faith permeating throughout the campuses!

We would like nothing more than to solely focus on the formation of the whole child without enforcing mandates and updating protocols, but our goal remains the same: keep our schools open for in-person learning while protecting students, faculty, staff and parents within our school communities. In order to do so, we must comply and adhere to state and county public health laws and policies.

I recognize and understand this is frustrating for many of you. Unfortunately, we are experiencing a rise in student and staff cases throughout a number of our Diocesan schools due to exposure outside of school. As a community, it is imperative that we do our part *outside of school*, also, to ensure our safety mitigation strategies are effective *in school*. It is essential that we work together to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.

Our principals continue to work diligently, striving to navigate the unknown while running excellent Catholic schools focused on faith, nurturance, excellence, and rigor. They are consistently making difficult decisions for the good of their communities. I thank you for your patience, flexibility, and grace. Our teachers continue to adapt and due to their resilience our students are learning and growing in their faith and academics. Thank you for supporting the tireless work of our principals and teachers in service to our mission.

For your reference, current public health information pertaining to all schools can be found here:

- [School Masking Indoors](#)
- [Vaccination Verification for Workers](#)
- For further information please visit the CDPH website: [CDPH](#)

May our loving God bless you and your families this Labor Day weekend! Stay safe!

Warm Regards,

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