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Dear Diocese of Sacramento Catholic School Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! I hope your Christmas and family time were filled with the peace and joy of our Savior's birth.

Thank you for taking time to test or screen your children at home for COVID prior to returning to school after the long break. Your diligence prevented additional exposures on campus by identifying positive cases before our return. Thank you for helping us keep our students in school, learning in-person!

In addition, I would like to thank our principals who spent much of their Christmas break advising parents and tracking positive COVID cases. Our principals' number one priority is to provide a safe and healthy environment for their staff and your children. I am beyond grateful for the leadership of our principals and for the partnership we have with you, our families.

It is important to note that there is still no current mandate regarding student COVID-19 vaccinations being enforced at this time in our Catholic parochial schools. As mentioned in <u>Bishop Soto's parent letter to you</u> in November, personal and medical exemptions included in the regulations for the COVID-19 vaccination will be honored at Catholic parochial schools in the Diocese of Sacramento. As always, we will continue to update you with any new information.

Wishing you all many blessings this New Year!

Warm Regards,

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