

April 14, 2021

Dear TFS Parents,

I hope your Easter season continues to be a celebration of faith, and that you found your break from school to be relaxing and rejuvenating. As we enter the last 38 school days of the year, I wanted to thank you again for your patience and flexibility this year.

Our 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade students will return full time next week since some of the COVID restrictions have now been loosened by the State and then the Diocese. This will, of course, affect our car pools a bit, but it will not be any more difficult than our normal car pools that we had last year.

- **Car Pool C** (4/5<sup>th</sup> grades and lower) please arrive so that you can be parked in the lot by 3:00 PM.
- **Car Pool D** (All of MS and lower), please arrive between 3:00 and 3:15 PM.

We will have plenty of room this way and our Car Pool C drivers will not be caught in the Car Pool D traffic. Thanks for your help!

In my March 10<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> letters, I spoke of a return, hopefully, to more normal times in the 2021-22 school year. We will have classes that are much more normal in capacity and allow for a better teaching schedule for our faculty. This would mean every grade would be able to be on campus for a 5-day per week schedule. I had mentioned we would work with the larger community and our advisory bodies on the best way to assure the health of all on our campus until the pandemic abates.

Part of this effort was revealed yesterday when the Diocese of Raleigh announced they would offer a 100% Virtual Catholic School Option for next year. The attached PDF has the details of this plan and the contact at the Diocese. Most of the local Catholic schools, including TFS, will NOT have a 100% virtual option for next year. Of course, we will still allow for continuing education for those who need to quarantine for exposure or illness due to the pandemic, but a return to a more normal schedule does not allow us to continue with a 100% virtual option.

We appreciate the support you have shown for the school and her faculty and staff this entire year. We have over 95% re-enrollment at this point and we have a solid group of new students joining us in the fall! Your confidence in TFS and the advocacy for our mission is an inspiration. We will all come out of this experience stronger, and we look forward to a great school year in 2021-22!

Sincerely,

Mike Watson, Principal