

May 19, 2021

Dear Parents and Faculty/Staff,

We are making some additional modifications to the masking protocols at TFS in light of the Governor's executive order of last week, found [here](#), that removes the masking requirement for those outdoors in North Carolina. This led to changes at the Parish for weekend Masses, and, to allow consistent protocols across the St. Francis campus as regards COVID restrictions, we are making alterations to our outside protocols at TFS. Starting today, Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, the following will be our protocol as regards outside masking:

- Students and faculty/staff at recess outside will not be required to wear masks for the time that they are outside, as was announced two weeks ago.
- At recess, we will encourage the same recess distancing recommendations between individual students but will allow students within a grade to spread out across the field or blacktop outside of cohorts. Cohorts will still remain separate and distanced inside on all buildings on campus.
- At afternoon car pool, students and faculty/staff are REQUIRED to be masked when in the groups on the covered walkway waiting for dismissal. This is due to the proximity and number of people present. However, parents and guardians at afternoon car pool to pick up students are not required to be masked while outside, but we do ask people not to congregate in large groups while waiting for the horns.
- Masking is still REQUIRED inside buildings on campus for all and when traveling across campus.

Thank you, once again, for all of your patience and support.

Sincerely,

Mike Watson  
Principal  
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