

Date: December 4, 2020
Topic: TFS Schedule Update

Dear TFS parents and faculty/staff:

Good evening, I hope that your week has gone well and you are excited for the Advent Season! I am reaching out to update you on the latest COVID-19 discussions at the school.

1. Changes due to travel concerns

We know that many people will be traveling during Christmas Break. While this is not something we recommend, and ask people not to do, we do realize there is a reality to consider. We sought feedback from our faculty and staff on different options around the Christmas break, and the administrative team had a great discussion yesterday morning about how we can best plan for the health of our faculty and staff, our families, and our students. To be sure that the safety of all those on our campus is of the highest priority, we will be **100% virtual the week of January 4th – 8th**. We do realize this could pose a scheduling difficulty for many families, however, we have to be cognizant of the situation and be able to continue our strong efforts of providing a safe environment to all who learn and work at TFS.

We will provide schedules for this virtual school week to our families well before we leave for the break. If you have issues with availability to access a device at home, please let us know as we have a limited devices available. If you would like some help navigating access to the instruction at home before break, please reach out to us for assistance.

2. Calendar Change Survey

To assist us with feedback on some proposed calendar changes for the remainder of the school year, we ask that you complete this short 5-question survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TFSCalendarSurvey>

3. New CDC Guidelines

As mentioned in #1 above, the CDC has changed their recommended days for quarantining after exposure or symptoms from COVID 19. The previous standard was 10 days if symptoms appear or 14 days after exposure. The CDC has changed these to 7 and 10 days, respectively. Our task force is working through considerations of whether we need to adopt these changes in our policy. We will let everyone know if there are changes to our policies as soon as possible.

We have had a very fortunate Fall and have had limited COVID-19 cases. Please let us know if there are any concerns with anyone in your family being exposed, and we will work with you to quarantine to avoid the potential of bringing the virus into your school. We continue to pray for good health for our families, our staff and faculty, and all in our community, and remain committed to providing the safest learning environment we possibly can. As always, we appreciate your assistance in this effort. Please do continue to be cautious and mindful of your plans during this Christmas season.

We are doing well as a school community, and we remain strong and steadfast in our efforts to provide the best academic experience we can for this year!

Enjoy your weekend!

Sincerely,
Michael Watson
Principal at The Franciscan School