

Hello St. Dominic Families,

In the next few days in the mail, you should be receiving information pertaining to this summer. As we turn the page towards the 2021-2022 school year, we wanted to take a brief moment in advance of this mailing to share with you our current thoughts and tentative plans for the beginning of next school year. The most important thing we can share is to remember that we must stay agile and adapt to the trends and concerns when we begin school. That being our guiding statement, here is some of what we are anticipating for next school year.

Provided the current climate remains at or about the same at the time we begin next school year, our plan is not to require masks for students, faculty, or staff. We fully anticipate having both faculty and students who will choose to wear a mask at school, but no one would be mandated to do so. It is important that we all respect where others might be with their individual comfort levels, and we will support each other's decision. Beginning with this summer, masks are no longer required when entering our school building or any outside organized school activities.

We will continue to offer remote learning capabilities for next school year, but in a significantly limited capacity. We will not offer a full time remote learning option or daily remote learning options. Students who have a unique situation can request a short term remote learning status. All short term remote learners will have to be pre approved by either Mrs. Stewart, Principal, or Mrs. Mennemeier, Assistant Principal. Some examples of a short term remote learning situation might include:

- a student has a major injury that is limiting their mobility and would need to remote learn for a few days to obtain the medical equipment to allow them to get around school
- a student is contagious for a certain number of days from an illness, as verified by Ali Gravlin or a doctor's note, but is well enough to remote learn

Some examples of short term remote learning situations that would not be approved:

- a student is feeling sick that morning...the student should be called in sick as we did previous to remote learning capabilities
- a family is traveling for an extended weekend or vacation...the student should be called in as absent out of town.
- a student is traveling for an out of town tournament in club sports...the student should be called in as absent out of town.

We feel strongly in our Dominican charism of prayer, study, community, and service; and students cannot fully participate in a St. Dominic experience without fully being able to participate in these four pillars. We are grateful for the ability to learn remotely during the pandemic, but it's important to have our students live and in person for school to fully experience their time at St. Dominic.

Our classrooms and other gathering spaces will return to as normal as possible with regard to student spacing.

Again, please know that this is our anticipated plan, but how the summer unfolds may cause a change in these plans. So again, please remain agile if things change dramatically prior to the start of next school year. In the meantime, please enjoy your summer. Thank you for your incredible efforts this school year and we are excited for the many opportunities next school year will bring.

Educating with a higher purpose,

Jim Welby  
President