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Dear Frassati Families,

The summer has gone by so quickly. We will begin welcoming our students back to school on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. A school building is usually quiet over the summer months but we have experienced a great deal of interest in Frassati Catholic Academy. I know that our current families will extend a giant welcome to our new families. I also know that the kids will enjoy meeting new classmates and seeing their teachers! I am so excited to see our students back on campus.

The planning has been underway since mid-April as I stated in earlier communications. I want to address some specific questions that have been asked recently.

- **Are we going to be at school 5 days a week starting September 8, 2020?** Yes, K-8 classes begin at Frassati in person on September 8, 2020. Preschool classes begin for 4 year old full day on September 11, 2020 and for 3 year old half day on September 15, 2020.
- **What if I am uncomfortable sending my child to Frassati at this time? Will Frassati still support my child as they continue distance learning?** Yes, I have made plans to be able to respond to many circumstances that may occur this year. I am designing a new position, Distance Learning and Data Analyses Coordinator, to support our children, families and their teachers.
- **Does the school have a Covid-19 Preparedness Plan that will be made available for families?** Yes, the Frassati first draft was completed at the end of May and has been reviewed and revised. St. Mary of the Lake Parish will also have a plan that will be shared since we are a dual use facility. We have been working together to ensure that our plans support the school and parish health and well-being. Draft 2 is being reviewed currently.
- **What has the school done to ensure that our children are as safe as possible when they return on September 8, 2020?**
  - Frassati has ordered:
    - 300 student cloth masks that can be washed and reused
    - 100 faculty cloth masks that can be washed and reused
    - 30 face shields for faculty and staff
    - 2 Thermal Scanners (Protect 98 <https://www.info-motion.com/protect98.html>)
    - Multiple hand sanitizer stations
    - Safe disinfectant that can be used throughout the school day while students transition
    - Electrostatic Sprayer to be used daily
    - UV Lights used in the HVAC system, similar to those used in hospitals and restaurants (No UV light is used in the hallways or classrooms, it is only housed inside of the air handling units.)
    - In addition, we will be receiving 250 cloth masks, 642 disposable masks and 27 face shields from the MN Department of Education

- **Will children be required to wear masks?** All students entering and leaving the school will be required to wear a mask. Masks will be strongly encouraged in grades PK and K. More information will be communicated with families regarding the complete mask policy at Frassati for grades 1-8. Classrooms with tables such as the computer lab, and middle school classrooms with tables will have plexiglass dividers installed before school begins.
- **What happens if a classmate, sibling or teacher has been exposed, shows symptoms or tests positive for COVID?** Any member of our community who displays symptoms of COVID will be isolated and sent home until they are cleared for return to campus, following guidelines established by the CDC and Department of Health. Frassati will follow CDC guidelines and consult with the Minnesota Department of Health when a member of our community tests positive or has been in contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19. Full details will be outlined for families prior to the start of school.
- **What is your threshold for closing the school building or an individual classroom?** Our plan is built on current data, outbreak trends in our community, and our ability to practice safety measures across our school population. Scenarios that would warrant a partial or full school closure could include, but are not limited to, an outbreak of COVID within or outside the community, or faculty/staff shortage due to illness. Frassati administration will work with Ramsey County and the Minnesota Department of Health as guidelines change.
- **Will we have bus transportation?** I am working with our district partners to learn more information. I will communicate as soon as I have reliable information about busing.
- **Will we have a food service program?** Yes, we will continue to receive our meals from the White Bear Lake North Campus Kitchen.

Resources:

[American Academy of Pediatrics: COVID-19 Planning Considerations: Guidance for School Re-entry](#)

[Decision Tree for People with COVID-19 Symptoms in Youth, Student, and Child Care Programs \(PDF\)](#)

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/masks.html>

I know that this is only a small fraction of information and there will be more. Please do not hesitate to email me so that I can continue to keep you informed.

In Christ,

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