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Dear Holy Cross Catholic School Families and Friends,

I hope you are in the midst of making wonderful summer memories and enjoying your time relaxing with family and friends. Plans are underway for our return to school this fall. I have intentionally waited to send this communication for information to unfold from the Archdiocese of Detroit, our federal and state governments, and our local health department. We respect the public health and medical experts that helped to guide us during the past year and a half. As a school, your Crusader staff and I have navigated the COVID-19 pandemic with a commitment to our students' education, health, safety, and emotional support. We have learned together through all of this and have a strong foundation as we enter the 2021/2022 school year. The 2021/2022 school year will be one of a delicate balance between the health of our staff and students, emotional health included, and a return to some normal school operations.

I would like to provide information about the 2021/2022 school year and our approach to your most important questions below:

**Will Holy Cross Catholic School require face masks?**

No. Face masks will be a choice. This is a personal decision and varies from family to family. We ask that everyone respect one another's freedom to choose. Please talk with your children about this prior to our first day of school so they are aware of what your family's decision is.

**Will my child be required to get the COVID-19 vaccine to attend school?**

No, the COVID-19 vaccine is not a school-required vaccine. This is a personal decision and personal information - we will not be asking for your child's vaccination status, nor anyone that visits or works for our school. Students will NOT be separated based on vaccination status.

**Will there be a distance learning/virtual option for students?**

No, Holy Cross Catholic School will be 100% face to face - five full days each week. Teachers will not be recording daily lessons. Daily attendance will be taken for physical attendance and students are expected to attend face to face learning five full days per week.

**Will students be required to be tested for COVID-19 to attend school?**

No.

**Will student athletes be required to be tested for COVID-19 to participate in sports?**

No.

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There is no legislative or legal requirement for any plan to modify in-person schooling. We will not be implementing the extensive health and safety recommendations for next year. For those that remain very concerned about COVID-19 because of the circumstances in their lives please know that we will continue to keep everyone's safety a priority. We are continuing to emphasize handwashing and increased cleaning and sanitizing. We ask that families continue daily home health screenings; as this will remain important. Students and staff who are symptomatic or sick must stay home and seek medical care as necessary. We expect these less intrusive mitigation measures will help with not only the spread of COVID-19, but other seasonal and common viruses. Therefore, we must continue to have open communication with parents about situations when there are students, or others in your home, who are symptomatic or positive for COVID-19. If COVID-19 cases in our community and school were to spike again for any reason, we have the knowledge and experience to take the necessary steps to keep staff and students safe and in school.

I am encouraged by our return to normalcy and our plans for the 2021/2022 school year. I hope all of our Crusader families can rest easy, knowing that Holy Cross Catholic School has taken everyone's needs into consideration when planning for our return to school. I will continue to keep you informed. As always, thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Betsy Davenport  
Principal