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Dear St. Mary School Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your family healthy and ready to enjoy summer break. Today marks the last official day of the 2019-2020 academic year and I want to congratulate the 8th grade graduates and wish them my prayers as they head to high school. I also wanted to thank you for your continued partnership with our teachers to ensure our students were successful while remote learning from home this past quarter.

Planning for the 2020-2021 academic year continues with a commitment to prioritizing as many in-school days as possible for as many students as possible. Current CDC guidelines, as well as guidelines from state and local health departments, will be incorporated into any changes that may need to occur. As of now, the plan includes the following:

1. Parents & Guardians will be provided with a list of symptoms to check before students come to school.
2. Temperatures will be checked for all students/staff upon arrival to ensure it is below 100.3.
3. Appropriate face coverings may be worn by staff and encouraged among students grades 3-8 (primarily when 6 feet social distancing cannot be observed).
4. Classrooms will be set up with 6 feet social distancing between students (our current classroom capacity can accommodate this).
5. Students will remain in their main homeroom for all classes (teachers will rotate to students to change subjects). This will include specials.
6. Student activity will be limited to restroom breaks and staggered recesses.



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Some decisions still need to be made (or may change) and I will be communicating with all of you over the summer months so that you are aware of our progress and plan. Please contact me directly should you have any questions about returning to school. My email is jbwatters@stmarybr.org. Also, if you feel that you are not ready to have your child(ren) in person when school resumes, remote learning with live instruction will be available.

Stay Safe & Healthy!

JB Watters