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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Let me begin by wishing you a Happy New Year and many blessings for 2021. The past year has certainly presented us with many challenges and stretched our capabilities extensively. I am grateful for all of our school employees and families and their cooperation and perseverance throughout this pandemic. While we are all suffering from some pandemic fatigue, we must continue to be vigilant and take the necessary precautions over the coming months and, most likely, through the end of this school year.

The Office of Catholic Schools has revised two documents, which you will find attached. The first document is a one-page summary of our guidelines for the second semester; the second document is the decision tree used in COVID-related situations. Parents are now being asked to continue to check for symptoms and temperatures each day before sending your child to school. If your child has symptoms or is sick, please keep him or her home. If you are awaiting COVID-19 test results or have tested positive, please stay home and follow the guidelines. We need to continue to wash hands, social distance, wear facial coverings, and minimize the size of gatherings.

I am also attaching the memorandum from the diocese that indicates requirements following air travel, whether it be international or domestic. Given the increasing number of cases around the country and travel at peak periods, this has become a necessary measure. I understand that this could impact some families' plans for spring break and other long weekends for the remainder of the school year.

For our families with students in the elementary grades, the TerraNova assessments will be given in February/March. All students, including at-home learners, will have to come onto campus to take the assessments. Please work with your school administrators and counselors to see what accommodations might be available for at-home learners concerned about social distancing and being on campus. Please note that any students receiving state scholarships are required by the state to take this assessment.

On behalf of all of our administrators, thank you for your continued cooperation and assistance in keeping our campuses safe and healthy for our students and employees. Hopefully, as the vaccines become more readily available and people choose to be vaccinated, our communities will become safer and restrictions will be lifted. We are grateful to you for all you do to keep our children and employees safe.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Gelo', written in a cursive style.

Gary Gelo
Superintendent of Schools