



November 5, 2020

Dear St. Pius X Families,

When you look at the school calendar, you should have noticed that we built in a number of 1:30 p.m. Early Dismissals. These dates were selected to support work that the faculty and staff was completing in preparation for an Accreditation Visiting Team's arrival in December. We recently learned that the Accreditation review process has changed and that because of COVID-19, the team will no longer be visiting in December. Therefore, **the next 1:30 p.m. Early Dismissal currently scheduled for Wednesday, November 18 will now be a full day of school.** We will reschedule the 1:30 p.m. dismissal at a later date. Thank you for your flexibility on this change.

I know that we have sent out a number of letters in recent weeks alerting our community of school members who have come in contact with individuals outside of school who have tested positive for COVID-19. Please know that:

- We are not the only school that is sending out letters like these.
- We do not give names or grade levels of student(s) or staff involved out of privacy reasons.
- If there was cause for concern, we would contact families or classes individually.
- We ask that you continue to pray for those involved.

Again, we rely on each of you to be smart and safe when outside of school. Continue to wear face coverings, maintain social distancing and continue to handwash and use hand sanitizer as per CDC guidelines. If you or your student(s) test positive or come in contact with someone who tests positive, please contact the school immediately. We have protocols that we need to follow e.g., alerting the Diocese, contacting our local health department for guidance and informing our school community. Thank you for your adherence to this request.

Because November is the month of giving thanks, let me offer my sincere thanks to each of our families for being a part of our school community. In particular, thank you to our Home and School Association parents who are active and present in our school's growth. Let me thank our faculty, staff and school board members for their dedication to the students and mission of our school as well as the family members of our faculty, staff, and school board who provide a support system for us at home. Let me also thank our pastor, Father Nixon and our parish staff for their continued support. Thank you as well to all of our donors and supporters of the school. Finally, I offer my thanks to Bishop Knestout for his leadership of our Diocese, the staff of the Diocesan Pastoral Center for their tireless work and everyone at the Office of Catholic Schools for their guidance.

I ask that each of you remember to be grateful to the blessings in your life and to remind your student(s) to be ever grateful, too.

God Bless you and your family.

Sincerely,

Mark Zafra  
Principal