



ST. MICHAEL *the* ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
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September 24, 2020

Dear Guardian Families,

Thursday Blessings! Thank you for your efforts this week to ensure students “attend” class virtually. Although not an ideal situation for anyone, the students and staff rallied in true Guardian spirit. We understand that there have been some technical issues, some more than others, and we do apologize. It is our understanding that Google Meets is fixed. If this is not the case for your student, KC Help Desk will be onsite Monday and Tuesday from 8-9am and 3-4pm. If you are still experiencing Google Meets issues please plan to come to school when KC Help Desk will be onsite.

Since my last communication, we have increased our negative test results to 28 and seem to be holding at 12 positive cases. Thankfully the cases seem to have leveled and all seem to be stemming back to September 11-14. We are cautiously optimistic that we may be “flattening the curve.” Again, please communicate with us if your child develops symptoms or has a positive test result. Communication is essential in contact tracing and allowing us to notify the necessary parties.

Next week, SMA will be in a **Hybrid Learning Model**.

- Students with the last name of **Adams-Martinez** will report to campus on **Monday and Thursday** and attend class virtually on **Tuesday and Friday**.
- Students with the last name **Maschger-Zoroya** will report to campus on **Tuesday and Friday** and attend class virtually on **Monday and Thursday**.
- **Wednesday** will be a **Distance Learning Day** for all students and they will attend all their classes for **30 minutes**.
- The schedule for the week is on our website and linked [HERE](#).

Senior Retreat has been rescheduled and we will host a Senior Only Encounter Evening from 7-9pm on Wednesday, September 30. We will evaluate the situation and make a determination on September 30th about classes for the following week. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we navigate through these next few weeks.

Mrs. Favrow, our Business and Spanish teacher, has resigned effective September 25th to join her husband out of state for a new business opportunity. We are grateful for Mrs. Favrow’s dedication to SMA over the last few years and will keep her family in our prayers as they begin a new life chapter. We welcome **Mr. Matt Infranca** as our new P/T Business Teacher and Spirit Store Coordinator. Mr.



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Infranca, SMA's wrestling coach, brings many years of business, apparel and entrepreneurial experience to our Business Department. **Mr. Jimmy Barragan** joins our SMA staff as a P/T Spanish Teacher. Mr. Barragan spent the last 27 years teaching Spanish and coaching in the Raytown School District. Join me in welcoming both Mr. Infranca and Mr. Barragan to our SMA faculty.

Homecoming Week Activities and the Guardian Stride will be rescheduled for a time when our school community is able to come together again. We are not cancelling these important events, just postponing for the time being. I am grateful for the work of Mrs. Kroening, Mr. Glasgow and the coaches to reschedule sports to ensure a season for our athletes. I am very appreciative of the nurses and office staff who have been going above and beyond to assist parents, answer questions, contact trace and support the administration, teachers and students.

Thank you especially, to you, the parents for your continued trust and support. In the words of St. Padre Pio, *"Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. Our merciful Lord will listen to your prayer."* I know God hears the prayers of this amazing community!

Peace and Blessings,

Mrs. Jodi Briggs
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