

July 14, 2020

Dear St. Didacus School Parents,

I hope this finds you all well. I know that this summer has not been the same as those in the past, but we're all making the best of it.

You may have heard that the San Diego Unified School District announced today that they're going to start the fall with distance learning. At this time, our current plan is still to have the school ready to open the doors for the students for in-person learning on August 18th. I received an email this evening from John Galvan, Director of Schools, and he says that for now we are all staying on track for re-opening, but he will be consulting with the Bishops and diocesan administration about any changes going forward, given the new guidance that is emerging.

With that as our current plan, in an effort to make things as normal as possible for our new and returning students, we've been working this summer on our Re-Opening Plan for the coming school year. Our number one priority is to make sure that the students and staff are safe. We're fortunate that we have the available space to open our school and are able to follow all the social distancing guidelines.

The Re-Opening Plan will be sent to you via email within the next couple of weeks. It will contain many details, but the main points will cover:

- General Health and Safety (screening and arrival procedures, sick student and staff guidelines, etc.)
- Catholic Identity (Masses, Mass policy, daily prayer, mornings of prayer, family engagement)
- Physical Distancing (Classroom setup, student schedules, recess/lunch/PE policies, daycare)
- Cleaning and Sanitation
- Instruction and Learning (digital learning platforms, grading, blended learning, social/emotional learning, etc.)

We're also working on preparing the school: setting up the classrooms, cleaning/sanitizing, finishing desk shield installation, campus restoration, etc. Normally we'd do this on our annual Re-Creation Day, but restrictions keep us from having too many people together at once. So if you'd like to help with anything at all, please call the school office at 619-284-8730 and let us know.

Although we have every intention of having all students come in to the school to learn in person, if you believe that it's better for your child to remain at home and continue with distance learning, please let me know so that we can make arrangements.

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me here at school. We're a little more than a month away, and we're excited to see everyone back in the building!

Yours in Christ,

Christine Dean