

# **Clearwater Central Catholic High School**

# "Where Possibility and Opportunity Meet"



June 25, 2020

Re: CCCHS Return to Campus Plan - Communication 1

Dear CCC community,

Our last communication covered the safety guidelines for summer activities on campus. We are now sharing initial reference points for our **plans to return to campus in August**. As you have already been made aware (DOSP *COVID-19 Task Force Letter*), the Office of Catholic Schools and Centers of the Diocese of St. Petersburg has organized a special committee to establish guidelines and procedures for reopening Catholic schools for the 2020-21 school year. Mr. Deputy, our principal, has been a member of this committee from its inception. Each school has been encouraged to manage their schools locally while following basic requirements set forth by the diocese as they evolve.

As a result, we established a 16-member **CCC COVID-19 Response Task Force** (CCC C-19 RTF) includes teachers, administrators, advisory board members, a medical doctor, an attorney, and an assisted living facilities owner. Our CCC C-19 RTF is meeting periodically to monitor and process the situation as it evolves. The Task force has established five committees that are working diligently and regularly to ensure a safe, organized, and well-executed return to campus. The five committees are:

#### 1. Logistics and Planning

- a. Protocols for opening schools
- b. Safety and security
- c. Finance and Operations

### 2. Creating and Maintaining Community

- a. Student Activities
- b. Athletic Program
- c. Social and Emotional Support
- d. Communications and Marketing

## 3. Curriculum and Instruction

- a. Academic Schedule
- b. Educational framework and pedagogy

#### 4. Promoting Catholic Identity

a. Spirituality, liturgies and faith

#### 5. Technology Support

- a. Proactive support to other committees
- b. Supervision of implementation of school-wide initiatives

Any discussion about reopening our school is grounded in the fact that we are still in a very fluid situation and will need to adapt as the year progresses. In addition, the plan is to reopen our school on schedule starting August 10<sup>th</sup>. We will maintain a strong academic program while sustaining a faith-filled environment and protecting the safety of our students and employees.

The administration is actively creating a full-day schedule on campus that will provide enhanced safety protocols while offering full accreditation compliance for the instruction. In addition, we are committed to creating a schedule that would facilitate a **flexible learning** environment for those students with COVID-related concerns who will work remotely and have a seamless transition back to in-school learning. The flexible learning alternative includes synchronous and asynchronous learning activities on a weekly basis. Families will have the option to switch from flexible learning to in-person learning at any time throughout the year based on needs and requirements. Specific guidelines for opting into flexible learning are being developed. The same schedule will be employed if we are required to return to school-wide remote learning by the diocese and/or State of Florida.

We will continue to send updates throughout the upcoming weeks as the information becomes available. If you have **questions or suggestions**, you can email our CCC C-19 RTF at <a href="mailto:ccc-communications@ccchs.org">ccc-communications@ccchs.org</a>.

Let us continue to pray for one another as we courageously face this pandemic and its unfortunate effects.

In God's provident care,
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