

December 28, 2020

Dear Staff & Parents /Guardians of Children at St. Paul School:

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. Hopefully in the future and as we prepare to welcome in a New Year, let's hope and pray we will be able to get together more with family and friends and not have to worry about how many people we get together with.

And as we get ready to welcome in the New Year, I wanted to let families know now that we along with ALL schools in RI have been recommended by Governor Raimondo along with RI Commissioner of Education Angelica Infante-Green about returning to school in January with the following information sent out to all schools just the other day: **"Similar to the start of the school year, students should begin returning no earlier than January 7, with all students back no later than January 15."**

Please note, that the change in return date is so that you may quarantine after the holiday break under the **New RIDOH Quarantine requirements** if needed with the following:

- **10 days** with no testing, quarantine at home (released from quarantine but watch for symptoms and be cautious).
- **7 days** with testing, earliest day to get a test on Day 5, released from quarantine after receiving a negative test (but watch for symptoms and be cautious).

The CDC continues to endorse 14-day quarantine as the safest protocol, but has allowed local health officials (RIDOH) to modify policies based on local conditions and needs.

With that in mind, **Distance Learning will continue after Christmas Break from January 4 up until we open once again for full In-person learning on Monday, January 11, 2021.**

This extra week gives us and any other schools the opportunity to monitor any positive cases and contacts made with covid-19 during the Christmas and New Year's Holiday weekends. Additional testing opportunities will also be introduced by RIDOH to expedite the testing process as well according to the Commissioner.

And remember, anyone with symptoms of covid-19 should stay home from school and should contact their pediatrician or healthcare provider for advice. Should you have any questions, please contact the RIDOH Info line at 401-222-8022.

As always thank you for your patience and understanding through this terrible period which thankfully is coming to an end now that a vaccine will be available very soon for everyone.

Mr. Corry