

Dear All Saints Families,

I want all of you to know that I am writing this to you from the bottom of my heart. Besides my family, All Saints Catholic School means everything to me. All of you have become my second family. Our school opening is getting close and I know that all of you want to make the very best decisions for your children and so do we here at All Saints Catholic School.

Our Return to Learn Team along with Mr. Sowell and I have worked tirelessly to make the 2020-21 opening of this school year to be very safe for our students and staff. You can read all of our plans in the Reopening Plan that is attached below. Please feel free to call me or email me with any questions or concerns and I promise you that I will personally get back to you as that not only is important to you but to me as well.

We are implementing the face-to-face learning model for PrK-6 model for those that would like this but with significant measures in place to minimize health risks. The Scott County Health Department, Iowa Department of Health, and the CDC, have continued to emphasize the best ways to minimize risks:

- Maintain social distance
- Wash hands or use hand sanitizer frequently
- Masks must be worn for all students when entering the building. Masks must be worn for all students Grades 1-8 throughout the day while inside the classrooms. Students definitely will have “mask breaks.” Masks will not have to be worn when the students are outside but everyone must be aware of social distancing.

We are implementing all of these, and more, in our efforts to maximize the health and safety of all our staff and children. You can read all of these in our Re-Opening Plan. We are still trying to be as “normal” as possible.

We really would like all of our students back here at All Saints Catholic School to be face to face but we know that is not possible. I have struggled with the decision to have both face to face and online learning for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders but after many hours of listening to health experts, parents, and teachers, and much prayer, it was felt at this time that this is the right decision. We are so hoping that this is temporary and believe me I can't wait to announce that All Saints Catholic School will be open for everyone.

I know that some of you may decide that you cannot risk the face to face learning for your child and you may choose online learning from home. I am so happy that we can provide the same excellent education to any student that would like to continue their on-line learning at home and I thank Mr. Sowell and our teachers who have worked so hard to make this happen.

We have missed all of you so very, very much. I saw a few of you when you returned your work or brought your books back in April and May. I saw many of you at our drive by parades or at our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation. I loved seeing your smiling eyes (above the masks) and that made me so very, very happy. My heart ached as I so wanted to hug all of you!

As I said earlier, I can't wait for all of us to be back together again physically, as an All Saints Family! Please know that I am praying for all of you and I ask for your prayers. Thank you for continuing to share

your comments and questions. I am so grateful for you today and every day. Please stay healthy and safe. Together we will get through these difficult times.

God Bless You.

Jeanne Von Feldt-Principal of All Saints Catholic School