



DIOCESE OF LAKE CHARLES + OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Dear Families,

As the schools within the Diocese of Lake Charles prepare for an anticipated safe return in August for all students and staff, we are mindful of the steps necessary to make that happen.

Our on-going planning with school administrators, parents, school stakeholders and diocesan leadership is enhanced with our partnership with CHRISTUS Ochsner Health Southwestern Louisiana and medical health professionals.

As we continue to listen to guidance from the CDC and Louisiana Department of Education, we are focusing on the following:

Commitment: Our continued commitment to families that we will continue to provide an excellent Catholic education focused on our Catholic faith and academic excellence.

Restore: Our plan to restore schools, opening August 13, 2020 and maintain schedules that will not present a challenge to working families.

Opportunity: Exploring all opportunities for teaching and learning to maintain continued student academic progress throughout the year.

Staff: Providing professional development to administrators, teachers, and staff on best practices to maintain a safe environment for students and staff members upon return to school campuses.

Safety: Logistical planning to ensure that all health, safety, and cleaning procedures are put into place to re-open for the 2020-2021 school year.

As further guidance is published, we will be forthcoming with specific policies and procedures that will be instituted at each school site. We appreciate your support as faithful partners of Catholic education. Plans will be updated regularly on school websites and through parent/school communications.

We miss our students, families and staff and look forward to being able to gather once more as a community.

Prayerfully,

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