



Immaculate Conception Catholic School

PK – 8th

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“Academics...Discipline...Service...all in the Spirit of Christ.”

Good morning,

First, let me thank you for your support and understanding as we, as a nation and community, responded to the unexpected invasion of COVID-19. I am very proud of the way our ICCS students, parents, employees, and community leaders handled the demands we were faced with to protect everyone as we continued to educate our students during the most unusual of circumstances. As you know, there continues to be concerns and questions related to how schools plan to reopen in August 2020. While we are in the business of educating, our priority is the safety of our students and our employees. Be assured, we have been working diligently on our 2020- 2021 restart plan and due to all the factors and information needed to plan as COVID-19 issues unfold, the plan continues to evolve. Our desire is to return to school as normal (traditional) with enhanced safety and cleaning procedures. However, we must be proactive and be prepared during these ever-changing times to continue educating our students if and when circumstances change, as predicted, throughout the year related to the health and safety of our students and employees.

Administrators and department leaders have been planning for increased safety procedures and yesterday, the diocese of Phoenix has determined that we will start the school year with distance learning, and the new target date for in-class instruction was moved back to September 8th. This means that all students will participate in the learning of new material, continued standard pacing, interactive lessons, graded assignments, and assessments from home until we can return to in-class instruction with a new target date of September 8th, 2020.

Our priority is to keep everyone safe while not making life more difficult for our parents. Each family situation is uniquely different. We fully understand your varied concerns about health and safety, distance learning, the importance of face-to-face instruction, parents needing to work, the economy, and all of the other unexpected consequences of not being in school or being in school in a traditional method. Since we can't be in a traditional school setting until September 8th, our goal is to find the best possible way to continue to educate our students and support our families until we can have our students safely in our buildings as frequently as possible to ensure the health and well-being of all.

As we continue the ICCS 2020-2021 planning process, we will keep you updated. Thank you for your continued support and positivity as we strive to do what is best for ALL of our students and employees during these challenging times. God bless you.

Serving you,

Mr. Hernandez