

Dear Parents,

As we communicated on September 14, a majority of our COVID-19 Task Force recommended that masks continue to be worn in school, and a decision was made to require all students and staff to continue to wear masks, regardless of vaccination status, until October 15. As we stated at that time, our Task Force would re-evaluate conditions prior to October 15 and make a recommendation regarding a course of action beyond that date. Our Task Force met last evening, reviewed data and had discussion about next steps. Among the points of discussion were the continued presence of COVID-19 in our community and the impact masks worn in the classroom have on reducing student quarantines, especially as many area schools have followed our lead and moved to requiring masks. As always, discussion focused on the ultimate goal of keeping our school open, our classrooms staffed with teachers, and our students present in their seats for in-person learning.

**At this time, in light of the current conditions and data reviewed and discussed, the members of the Task Force present at the meeting unanimously recommended, and the parish and school administration have decided, that students and staff will be required to continue to wear masks, regardless of vaccination status, for an additional four weeks, until November 12.** The Task Force will reconvene on November 8 to re-evaluate conditions at that time and to make a recommendation for a course of action beyond November 12. Conditions will continue to be monitored on an ongoing basis, with the option for the Task Force to meet prior to November 8 should conditions warrant.

We reiterate that our priorities continue to be protecting the health and safety of our students and staff and ensuring that we can remain open for in-person learning. We appreciate your cooperation as we take the difficult actions that must be taken to ensure that these priorities can be fulfilled, and we thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Fr. Steve Brunovsky  
Pastor

Mrs. Jennifer Woodman  
Principal