

Dear Parents,

As you may have heard, Governor DeWine issued a state-wide mask mandate this afternoon for all students in kindergarten through grade 12 attending in-person school. Governor DeWine said the policy reflects a letter from the Ohio Children's Hospital Association and the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. You can read more about Governor DeWine's announcement [here](#).

This means that, contrary to what we had originally planned, St. Hilary School parents must provide masks for all students in grades K-8 who will be participating in in-person learning this school year. Any student who is unable to wear a mask may be excused with a written note from the child's physician stating the reason for the excuse. The school will provide a face shield for every student, as well as a lanyard for every student to contain his or her mask while eating, drinking or taking a mask break.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Assistant Principal Mrs. Alexander at dalexander@st-hilary.org.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as our planning for the coming school year continues to evolve and adapt. We look forward to providing additional details about our planning this week.