



HEALTH & SAFETY – COVID-19 UPDATE

May 13, 2020

Dear Cardinal Newman High School Parents, Guardians and Students,

As we approach mid-May, week 9 of Shelter in Place in Sonoma County and week 8 of Distance Learning, we want to thank you for your continued support, outreach, and messages of encouragement shared with the faculty and staff. Especially during a time when the platform of our teaching and educational ministry has been dramatically shifted, your prayers and affirmation have truly inspired and lifted up our spirits. We hope that you know how grateful we are for your trust, commitment and for the opportunity that you give us as educational partners with your family.

While our focus is on the importance of finishing this school year strong, we are also beginning the planning for the next academic year, 2020-2021. At this point, we want you to know that we are making plans for the start of the school year. The resumption of instruction in the fall will proceed as scheduled and according to the school's calendar for beginning classes in August 2020. Though we cannot determine what the Sonoma County Public Health conditions will look like for schools in August, our goal is to return to in-person instruction on the campus.

We have been advised by public health officials and the Diocesan Catholic Schools Department to prepare for new protocols and modifications to our campus environment. We have also been told that we should anticipate the possibility of a resumption of distance learning if Shelter in Place orders continue or are reinstated. We are planning for both.

More information regarding the planning for the start of the 2020-2021 academic year will be shared with you over the course of these next two weeks. Please continue to look for our updates.

In the meantime, please know that you are all remembered especially in our prayers.

Most sincerely,

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