



**EXCELLENCE BUILT ON TRADITION**

### **ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS FOR REMAINDER OF SCHOOL YEAR (In-Person and Virtual):**

We started the school year with a process allowing students to stay home if they were not feeling well. Our intent with this flexibility was to prevent potentially contagious students from coming to school and spreading illness; however, many of our students are beginning to overtly abuse this process. Many students are simply staying home because they have slept late, want to avoid taking a test, want to avoid a particular class, or it is simply an inconvenience getting dressed and coming to school. This creates a number of issues for us and has created extremely poor work habits for many of our students. **Several of our students are suffering academically from this process.**

**As of November 16, 2020, we are implementing new policies for students who are attending in-person but who have a need to attend virtually for a limited period of time. The following rules pertain to all students.**

- 1. Students who have elected to participate in-person should attend classes at school unless they are sick or have a legitimate reason for being absent from school.**
- 2. Students may participate in no more than 5 virtual days per semester if they are feeling sick.** We will start this count on November 16, 2020 for this semester. Past participation in virtual classes will not be counted toward these 5 exemptions. Students will only receive 5 virtual participation days during second semester.
- 3. Students must participate fully in the entire lesson if they elect to attend virtually. The camera must be turned on, and they must be engaged throughout the entire lesson. Failure to do this will result in being counted absent for the day.**
- 4. Parents must contact the school and let us know their child will be attending virtually for a day they are expected to attend in-person.** We want parents to notify us because many students were participating virtually, but their parents thought they were attending in-person. This helps to create more accountability for students. It also keeps parents better informed of where their children are during the day.