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DEPARTMENT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Thursday, March 3, 2022
Saint Katharine Drexel

Dear Diocese of Oakland Catholic School Families, Teachers, and Staff,

Beginning at 11:59pm on Friday, March 11, 2022, Diocese of Oakland Catholic Schools remain in alignment with State and County guidance regarding the wearing of masks indoors in K-12 settings. Both Alameda and Contra Costa County Departments of Public Health have aligned K-12 mask guidance with the State of California's update. Please bear the following information in mind moving forward:

- Masks will be optional on school campuses beginning March 12, 2022.
- Students, teachers, staff, and visitors may still choose to wear masks on campus depending on their personal preference and circumstances since the County and State Health guidelines still "strongly recommend" masking as a mitigation strategy.
- Other mitigation strategies will remain in place including the optimization of ventilation, isolation and quarantine protocols where appropriate, and testing where appropriate and available.
- Given the fluid nature of the pandemic, the Diocese of Oakland will continue to work in close partnership with our respective county departments of public health and offices of education to ensure that our school leaders have up-to-date information as we continue to respond to challenges presented by the Coronavirus.

We deeply appreciate your cooperation as our school leaders, teachers, staff and families have worked in close partnership to ensure school community safety while continuing to offer in-person learning throughout the pandemic. Please join me in asking for Saint Katharine Drexel's intercession and in praying for the health and well-being of our Catholic school students and workers! Thank you for choosing Catholic education and, together, we look forward to brighter days ahead!

At your service,

Andrew Currier
Superintendent