



# ALL SAINTS

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL

January 1, 2022

We have kept up with recent information regarding the Omicron variant, the CDC newest guidelines, and the pandemic in general, and have made some decisions about moving forward.

**The isolation period for those who test positive has changed.** The change is motivated by science demonstrating that the majority of COVID transmission occurs early in the course of illness, generally in the 1-2 days prior to onset of symptoms and the 2-3 days after.

- Students/staff who test positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, should isolate for 5 days. If they are asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving (without fever for 24 hours), they may return to school wearing a well-fitting mask for 5 additional days to minimize the risk of infecting others. Students will be able to remove their mask briefly to eat snacks and lunch, and when outside.
- Families who do not wish to have their student wear a mask should stay home the additional 5 days.
- Remember that the first day of symptoms (or date of test without symptoms) counts as day 0 and the isolation period starts the next day.

**At this time, we recommend all students, staff, volunteers and anyone entering the building, wear masks.** This is due to the virulent nature of the Omicron virus.

Our quarantine procedures have not changed. We will continue with our current procedures of contact tracing and notifying families of close contacts. Families will still be able to elect quarantining their student if so desired with an excused absence. We will not be sending out a general notification letter to the whole school community, but will instead post our data in the weekly Wednesday newsletter.

The CDC and Wisconsin Department of Health Services recommend getting vaccinated, getting boosted, continuing to wear masks in indoor public settings, and staying home when sick.

**The grades SIT-3 Christmas Concert that was previously postponed will be cancelled.** We will still have a Christmas Concert Day where students can dress up and we will record the classes. More details will be provided soon. We will continue to evaluate the recent data and our procedures and make any needed changes.

As we continue our 2021-2022 school year, remember to Be Strong, Be Courageous, and Be Kind!

Have a blessed 2022,  
Ms. Kelly Neu and Mrs. Sue Backus