



June 24, 2020

Dear St. Mary School Family,

What will school be like in the Fall? Everyone is asking that question right now. We want you to know that we have been asking it too. We have also been making plans to resume school this Fall in a safe and effective way. The enclosed documents from the Diocese of Columbus explain how our Catholic Schools are responding to the challenge of providing quality faith-based education while protecting the health of all.

Here at St. Mary Elementary/Middle School, we are planning to reopen as a "Tier One" school. That means **a full school day, five days a week, with a full schedule of classes and educational activities.** Of course, we will have contingency plans in place to ensure uninterrupted learning.

To allow for additional teacher and staff training at the beginning of the school year, we have moved the first day of school to Monday, August 31, 2020. The students will be returning in groups. Not all students will return on the first day of classes, but by Friday, September 4, all students will have returned. During the first five days of school, we will be conducting additional assessments of each class to see where everyone is after the extra-long break. We will be supplying a detailed schedule of the first week of classes later this summer, as well as a revised calendar for the entire school year.

During the summer, our school office remains open to serve you. We are also enrolling new students. Please continue to recommend St. Mary School to your relatives and friends. The office will be open Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

You can always reach us by email at school@marionstmary.org or by phone at 740-382-1607.