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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the closing of this school year, we take this opportunity to express deep gratitude for your continued support of your child and their teachers during this most unprecedented school year. Your children and their teachers are to be commended for their perseverance, dedication, and flexibility.

Today, we are pleased to announce that all Archdiocesan high schools will return to five day a week in-person instruction when the new school year begins in September.

While the number of COVID cases in our area is declining, we will continue to follow COVID-19 protocols through the few remaining weeks of this school year as recommended by both the CDC and the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

This week, members of the Senior class have begun their exams. They are also preparing for baccalaureate liturgies and graduation exercises. Each school prepared in-person graduation ceremonies and baccalaureate liturgies just as they prepared senior celebrations that were both creative and student-centric.

During the first and perhaps the second week of June, the underclass students will take final exams. As this June's school calendar will be filled with testing and end of year preparations, students will not be returning to five day in school instruction at this time. However, each school has planned closing ceremonies for each class to allow students an opportunity to gather on campus as a group to celebrate the end of the year. Information regarding those plans is being published by each school.

The COVID-19 vaccine is now available for all individuals aged 12 and up. We strongly encourage you to get your child vaccinated. Opportunities for vaccination are being made available in all high schools. Maximizing the number of vaccinated individuals in our school communities will help keep our students safe during the summer and allow for the safest possible environment in the fall when we return to five day in person instruction.

Each month, we will be sharing an update with you so that all families can be confident of their school's planning for the 2021-2022 school year. With prayer and preparation, our schools will be ready to support students' emotional needs and academic readiness for the new school year. Your child's success is and will be at the center of each school's planning.

Sincerely,



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