



May 11, 2020

Dear Lumen Christi Academies School Faculty, Staff & Families,

Throughout the month of May we honor the Blessed Mother. We also remember and pray for all mothers, I hope your families enjoyed a special Mother's Day weekend. May all mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and godmothers, both here on earth and in heaven above, know of our eternal love, appreciation, and admiration for their unconditional and unending love!

As we continue to navigate this pandemic and the shelter-in-place, the Lumen Christi Academies gather remotely each day to pray and to learn, to study and to laugh, to connect and to support their brothers and sisters in Christ. Our home/school partnership has been integral in making this such a fruitful experience for the students at the heart of this mission. We are blessed to be a community of faith, supporting one another as we walk through this together. Below you will find two key updates regarding the Third Trimester Report Cards and our Planning Process for the 2020 - 21 school year.

Third Trimester Report Cards

Our teachers continue to use a variety of tools to provide feedback on student progress in key content and skill areas during this shelter-in-place. The California Superintendents, California Department of Education, and Diocese of Oakland Catholic Schools are collectively committed to holding students harmless during these unprecedented times. We have embraced a balanced focus on accountability, equity and empathy. With this in mind, third trimester report cards may include an asterisk (*) to indicate that instruction, assessment and grading were modified. This temporary change to grading policies is in alignment with the California Department of Education's remote learning guidelines. Principals will provide additional details about how report cards will communicate student progress for their respective communities. Our Catholic and Public High Schools are supportive of the plans we have developed for reporting on student progress during the remote learning platform, the (*) will not impact students' transition to High School.

Planning for 2020 – 2021

We continue to consult and work with state, local health agencies and the Diocese of Oakland Chancery in preparation for the 2020 – 2021 school year. A number of factors are being considered including health and safety, instructional practices, personnel, finances and facilities as we develop contingency plans for returning to our school buildings. At this point, we have established a small, diverse task force team charged with reopening planning. This task force will evaluate the on-going guidelines from our health officials to identify challenges and opportunities for potential instructional delivery scenarios for the 2020-2021 school year. We plan to gather student, teacher, principal, and family perspectives about the various scenarios being explored throughout this planning process. This situation is fluid; however, we hope to provide some clarity regarding the options being considered by our task force prior to the end of this year. For now, our plan is to begin the 2020 - 2021 school year mid- to late August, as we have traditionally done so.

Thank you, everyone, for your patience, understanding, and partnership. Know that you and your family are in my prayers.

Strong Today. Stronger Tomorrow. Strongest Together.

Peace and God Bless,

Rodney Pierre-Antoine
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