

January 7, 2022

Dear Old Mission School Parents.

Happy New Year, and welcome back to school; it is a joy to see our students back on campus. While we return amid a surge of cases, we continue to follow the protocols in place to keep our students and staff safe and healthy. We also prepare to adjust as things are continually changing. As you may be aware, there have been updates to CDC and county protocols; we continue to be under the current guidance for schools (see attached notice) until updates are complete. The Diocese of Monterey continues to be in communication with public health authorities to clarify updates as they impact our school communities. I will continue to share information as it becomes available. We appreciate your patience as we continue to navigate the constantly changing protocols, requirements, and recommendations.

I have been in regular communication with Jennifer Shay at county health this week. I have confirmed that it is not recommended to accept tests administered at home to end a quarantine/isolation in the case of a positive test result. Protocols are a bit different for vaccinated students. If your child is vaccinated, we request a scan of the vaccination cards to verify status and to help streamline protocols for any close contact situations in a classroom. Scanned copies of students' vaccination cards can be sent to Susie Lock for entry into the student health record.



The national celebration of Catholic Schools Week is coming from January 30th through February 5th. This is always a favorite week with students and staff. We will send out the complete schedule of theme days and activities on January 14th. We would like to have a significant school presence at the Mission parish Mass at 9:00 on January 30th including, students attending in uniform, student greeters, gift bearers, servers, choir, and lectors. Please plan to join us for the Mass to thank our parish for their generous support and celebrate our Catholic School! We would really like to have a good showing and will give 3 parent volunteer hours for

attendance (a sign-in sheet will be available). We will also be hosting our Open House that day, from 10:00-12:00. We invite current families and prospective new families to join us on our campus. Look for more information to come soon. *If COVID cases continue to be a concern, we will adjust our plans to avoid unnecessary risk to students, staff, and families.

Enrollment for our current families for the 2022-2023 school year will begin during Catholic Schools Week. Open enrollment/registration for new families will open on March 1st. Families in need of tuition assistance can apply through FACTS online beginning January 28th. Tuition assistance is limited, and applications should be submitted early.

Have a great weekend!