

Dear Fellow Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you in good health, and we thank you for your patience and flexibility with the adjustment to and progression of the blended/hybrid model at Good Shepherd Academy. As always, the success of our students' educational experience is due to our strong family partnership, along with the steadfast commitment of our faculty and staff to provide the most excellent, faith based education. During this period of blended/hybrid learning, we continue to be reminded of how valuable our time together is and how proud we are of our students who have demonstrated true school spirit and resiliency, both in and out of the classroom. Thank you for your continued support and for providing us the opportunity to provide Catholic education for your child at GSA.

When we introduced the blended/hybrid learning model at the start of the school year, we stated that in collaboration with the Diocesan Health and Safety Committee, we would be reviewing the local COVID-19 data, including percent positivity and cases per 100,000 residents, and the requirements of the Health and Safety Guidelines to determine the safest educational environment. After reviewing the data in conjunction with the physical distancing requirements outlined in the Health and Safety Reopening Document, we have concluded that we will continue with the current blended/hybrid model of instruction until January 4, 2021. We will revisit the need for this model of instruction prior to this date and, based on the local COVID-19 data at that time, determine the safest model of instruction for all moving forward.

Given the current data and health and safety requirements, we truly believe this decision has been made in the best interest of the health and safety of our students, faculty, staff, and school families. As partners in your child's education, we share the desire to return to five days of in-person instruction and remain committed to that goal if it is safe to do so.

Our prayer is that God keeps you and your family in good health and that there is an end to this pandemic soon.

Go Guardians.