



Newsletter from the Principal's Office Find A Way



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Dear Jefferson Parents and Guardians,

Last week, Governor Mike Parson, the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) announced modifications to Missouri's K-12 reopening and operating guidance (<https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/COVID-MO-K12-Reopening-Guidance.pdf>). This updated guidance offers some relief to students, families, and schools when it comes to the need to quarantining close contacts. This relief comes in the form of masks and the mandatory wearing of them while in the school building. In simplest terms, in a classroom where social distancing is not possible, and everyone in a class is wearing a mask, and there is a positive COVID-19 case within that class, the students in the past who were considered close contacts would be quarantined for fourteen days. Now the individual who tested positive for COVID-19 would still be quarantined at home. Students identified as a contact will still be considered to be in quarantine but can attend school if they have no symptoms. The students identified as contacts will not be able to attend extra-curricular activities and are expected to quarantine when not attending school

Currently we have only asked 7-12 students to wear a mask during transition times. We are now requiring students and staff to wear a mask anytime social distancing is not possible. If students are socially distanced in the classroom they will not be required to wear a mask. Mask must meet the requirements specified in the DESE guidance. Gaiters or masks are ok but face shields are not. We will return to the practice of wearing mask while riding the bus. Currently this policy will be implemented PK-12

We appreciate everyone's support and understanding as we continue to move through these unprecedented times in the history of the world. Keep in mind all of the decisions we are making are designed to keep everyone healthy, safe, and to keep everyone in school.

Sincerely,

Tim Jermain

No School

School will not be in session next Wednesday through Friday, November 25-27, for Thanksgiving Break.

Operation Christmas Child

FCA would like to thank all of you for your generous support of our Operation Christmas Child campaign. We will be sending 27 wonderfully packed shoeboxes, plus an office-paper-sized box of extras, and postage money to Samaritan's Purse. That equals 27 blessed and happy kids! Go to Operation Christmas Child testimonies on YouTube to see how your shoebox can impact a child. God Bless!

PV Basketball T-Shirt Orders

PV basketball t-shirt orders will be available through Textcaster link only. Orders due by 3:00 November 23.

Important dates to mark on your calendar:

Nov. 25-27 – Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 14 – Elementary Christmas Program 6:30