



TEURLINGS

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

To Channel His Spirit for the glory of God

August 4, 2020

Dear Parents,

The COVID-19 Pandemic is a dominating influence in all of our daily lives. Many of us do not know who or what to believe. For some it is a hoax, or political, or a true health threat. We have worked tirelessly to implement a reopening plan which will meet all of the guidelines the national, state, local, and Diocesan policy makers require of all schools. All of these guidelines are for the greater good of our students, faculty, staff, and ultimately our families and relatives.

These are trying times for Catholic Schools nationally. As families struggle with economic downturn and unemployment, decisions are being made determining the educational future of their children. Paramount to the decision-making process is the balance of safety and the delivery of the educational process. Distance-learning, Hybrid, Face-to-Face, public, Catholic, free online academies, and home schooling are options available to every parent.

Teurlings Catholic has 735 students registered for the 2020-2021 school year. We employ 69 administrators, teachers, and staff members. The safety of our students affects the lives of each student, employee, and their families and relatives. A serious change in enrollment will affect the number of employees needed to provide services for our students.

TCHS has a plan in place to ensure the campus is cleaned and sanitized, hygienic equipment is in place, and staff is properly trained, everything essential to the first level of safety for students and employees. I am struggling with the second level of safety, the number of students we can have on campus every day to maintain the first level of safety. TCHS needs its students to return to school in order to meet the financial budget and employment contracts of all employees.

I have told my summer staff for weeks I was concerned about our reopening dates. Our most important priority should be about the safety and well-being of the students you have entrusted us with. My second priority should be to my employees and their families. We have to bring our students back when the time is right and it is safer than it is today.

Therefore, Teurlings Catholic High School will begin the 2020-2021 school year on Tuesday, September 8, the day after Labor Day; Orientation will be held on September 3 for juniors and seniors and September 4 for sophomores and freshmen. Not everyone will agree with this decision and we may lose students. With the recent loss of someone in our own Teurlings Catholic community, we realize the overwhelming and devastating threat of this pandemic. This decision is about the safety and well-being of our students.



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The school calendar will be altered and vacations will be shortened to make up the missed days. The holidays will be as follows: Thanksgiving November 26-27; Christmas December 24 - January 3; MLK Birthday January 18; Mardi Gras March 15-16; Easter April 2-5; Last Day of School June 2.

I cannot answer all of your questions in this email as this serves as an announcement. We will be sending out more information about this change in the next few days.

Yours in Christ,

Michael H. Boyer

