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Dear Families, Faculty, and Staff,

As you are aware, new guidance has been communicated by the Center for Disease Control and support from our Governor regarding the reduction of our safety protocols and policies that have been in place since March 2020. It has felt like an eternity for all of us.

We are overjoyed to announce, with Bishop's blessing, that we will be relaxing our protocols and policies beginning with all our summer programs and into the 2021-2022 school year. As Governor DeSantis gave direction for this upcoming school year: "Have a normal school year." The following changes will go into **effect on June 1, 2021**.

- Masks will be optional for all students, faculty, and staff. *If a family or person feels more comfortable wearing a mask, this will be acceptable; however, the mask must meet the school's policy on what type of mask is acceptable.*
- Visitors who have been fully vaccinated do not need to wear a mask.
- We will continue the best practices of sanitizing our classrooms, buildings, and especially high-touch surfaces to combat viruses such as the common cold, flu, and COVID, just to name a few.
- Field trips will be permitted.
- Local Distance Learning will not take place in our Catholic schools for the 2021-2022 school year.

If you have not already been vaccinated against this virus, please consider doing so for the common good of all. Let us pray for all those who have contracted COVID-19 and for all their families as they work to restore their good health. Let us also pray for all those who have died from this awful pandemic.

May God bless you and your families and have a restful summer,



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