



A Catholic Tradition of Excellence in College Preparatory Education

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Bishop Hartley Senior Families,

After 11 months of doubt, discouragement, and distraction it is safe to assume that we all long for some semblance of normalcy. We would like to commend our students, parents, teachers and staff for their grit and perseverance. We know we are not out of the woods regarding the pandemic, but upon reflection we have an immense sense of pride of how everyone is following the health and safety protocols. We love our kids, and we miss them in a consistent and in-person basis. ***To that end, this letter serves as the official notification that no later than March 1st, we are expecting that all fully remote students join in the hybrid model of learning.***

If there is a medical concern that could potentially impact your child's ability to be present in the building, we ask that you discuss these concerns with the school nurse or administrator. There is a good chance that ***together*** we can work out a health and safety plan to accommodate the needs of your child.

We would like to share our rationale to why it is important for our seniors to get back into the building to finish out their high school careers.

- As colleges have made the commitment to have in-person learning, we want to provide the best preparation possible for students transitioning into next year.
- Switching students from remote to hybrid has proven to work in increasing academic performance and to maintain healthy social and emotional behavior.
- Psychologists believe that the longer a child is in a remote environment, the harder it is for him/her to transition back to in-person learning.

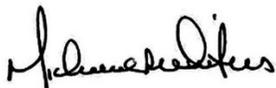
We want our seniors at Bishop Hartley High School to build a legacy for the class of 2021 by being present to engage in all the special events that culminate their four years. As the final quarter of the year is upon us, we intend to offer safe ways for seniors to experience the following as they return to school:

- Senior Athletics and Extra-Curricular Activities
- Capstone
- Founders Day
- Mass with Bishop
- Final House Cup Competition
- Senior Honors Assembly
- Baccalaureate
- Graduation.

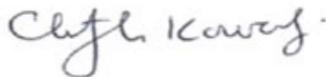
We understand that a natural trepidation may exist in students returning from full remote. While we are sympathetic towards these feelings, remember, the CDC has been clear that schools are among the safest places for our young people. Governor DeWine's office reports that even though the number of cases in Ohio is worrisome, schools are doing their job in following safety and health protocols. As of today, 6.8% of our faculty, staff, and students have been infected by the Coronavirus since the beginning of the school year. While any number of infections are concerning, we are confident that our plan is working to mitigate the spread of the virus to the best of our abilities. Additionally, the majority of our faculty and staff will be fully vaccinated by the end of the month.

Again, unless you have communicated a medical concern within your household to the school nurse or school counselor, your child(ren) is (are) **expected** to return to the appropriate Hybrid learning group by March 1st. Students with Last Names A-K are in the Red Hybrid group and attend school in person on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and alternating Mondays. Students with Last Names L-Z are in the Blue Hybrid group in person on Wednesdays, Fridays, and alternating Mondays. We are making this expectation because current circumstances support in-person learning. However, please know we are prepared to pivot to Full Remote Learning or welcoming all of our students back should the circumstances or directives from the Governor's office dictate such a move.

God bless and Go Hawks!



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Principal



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