

October 8, 2020

Courageous Lumen Families,

Well it is official. We are transitioning next week to RED operating status due to an increased positive test rate over 5%. All of us are praying that this is a one week only event, but as the virus has shown us over the past 6 months, we should be prepared that this may be longer. The collective groan from the students when I announced it today affirmed that none of us want to do this, but given the circumstances and the rising number of cases, it is a prudent thing to do. Fortunately, our teachers and students have all had an opportunity to establish connections and relationships with each other since August, which will pay big dividends when we meet behind a computer screen tomorrow and next week.

1. Tomorrow (Friday, Oct 9), students will be online as per the following schedule:

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| 8:00a-8:55a | Livestream St. Ben's Mass via Facebook from home |
| 9:00a-10:00a | Period 1 (Students log into Google Meet from home) |
| 10:05a-11:05a | Period 3 (Students log into Google Meet from home) |
| 11:10a-12:10p | Period 5 (Students log into Google Meet from home) |
| 12:15p-12:30p | Advisory Check In |

2. Taking into account the success we have had so far in our YELLOW in person status, we made some slight changes to our previously published RED schedule:

Monday & Wednesday - **AT HOME**

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| 8:00a-9:20a | Period 1 |
| 9:30a-10:50a | Period 3 |
| 11:00a-12:20p | Period 5 |
| 12:30p-2:30p | Student Work Time/Teacher Prep Time & Office Hours |

Tuesday & Thursday - **AT HOME**

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| 8:00a-9:20a | Period 2 |
| 9:30a-10:50a | Period 4 |
| 11:00a-12:20p | Period 6 |
| 12:30p-2:30p | Student Work Time/Teacher Prep Time & Office Hours |

Friday - **AT HOME**

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|---------------|--|
| 8:00a | Livestream St. Ben's Mass via Facebook |
| 9:00a-10:00a | Period 1/2 |
| 10:05a-11:05a | Period 3/4 |
| 11:10a-12:10p | Period 5/6 |
| 12:15p-12:30p | Advisory Check In |

Next week is a "B" week so students will attend 2, 4, and 6th periods online on Friday, Oct 16. I will update the Safe Return Handbook with the new bell schedule and re-post it to our website for your ready reference.

3. I know that St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School will be in person next week as they give parents another week to find child care. So it is true if you hear that "other schools are open," but please know that it is for a very specific reason. I have spoken with Mrs. Gustafson and Father Scott at SEAS about this. At the end of the day, it is easier for our middle and secondary school students to stay at home and switch to virtual learning than it is for the younger elementary students. Therefore, I made the decision to go into RED immediately next week in line with our previously published Safe Return Plan and I am confident that our students and staff will not miss a beat in the transition.

Thanks in advance for your patience and understanding. And for your strong support.

We all pray that this will be a temporary thing and we can get back to the Old New Normal! Please continue to keep our school, students, staff, and families in your prayers.

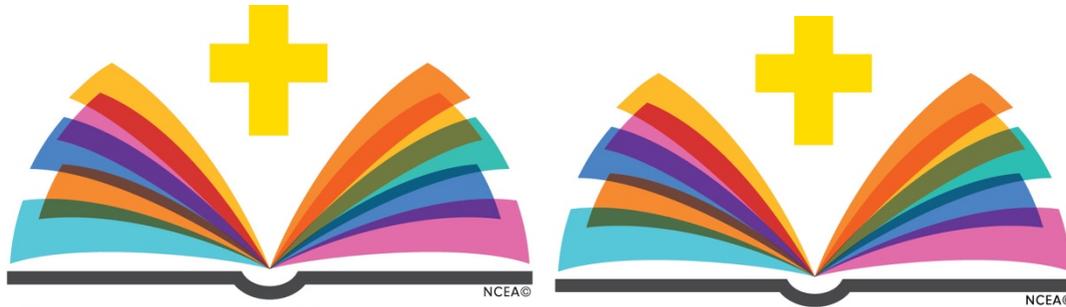
I hope you have a wonderful evening and blessed weekend. Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or feedback.

Blessings,

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