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Dear Parents,

Thank you for the 139 responses we got this summer on preferences going forward, should we have to have school in a manner, other than full attendance, not knowing at the time what precautionary measures would be required and/or highly recommended. These responses were used to develop our three possible options for school that was shared with you earlier this summer.

Here are the results of the survey. 63% of you wanted school back in session at full capacity in August, compared with 32% that wanted it back in session, only if the school could assure you that health and safety precautions were in place.

Of the responses received, 25% of you felt temperature checks would be necessary for all staff, visitors and students, prior to entry. 18% wanted to ensure that social distancing measures were in place. 43% felt schedules for frequent and thorough cleaning would be necessary. 52% wanted schedules and interactions to run as normally, with very little restrictions.

When asked what the preferred way of having school was, if we were not allowed to have full attendance, the responses were as follows: 51% of you preferred students go for half-days, and 18% preferred students would go every other week. 32% hoped that students would go to school every other day, if this were to happen.

If St. Joe's would have to move to distance learning for a portion of the year, the following offerings came in as desired with the following percentages: 74% wanted recorded video lessons and 67% wanted lessons via Zoom. 57% of you preferred paper packets of materials which can be picked up or dropped off at school, and 84% wanted a checklist of items to be turned in. 57% of you asked for office hours via Zoom where teachers are available to answer questions and 77% asked for a centralized online site where parents can find information regarding lessons and assignments. Finally, 45% of you requested online learning programs where students could progress at their own pace and 71% preferred a simple method of turning in assignments electronically.

The last survey question asked that if your child was required (which we now know they will be) to wear a mask during before-school care in the cafeteria, would you utilize the service? 40% of the respondents said yes and 58% said no.

Please know that we are working on our distance learning plan as well as sheet of bullet statements that would indicate how things would flow, if that were to be enacted again. As soon as our full attendance plan is up and running next week, we will have time to devote some energy in that regard. We are also mindful that that plan would be arrived at in conjunction with the other Lincoln-area diocesan schools.

Thanks so much for your time.

Yours in Christ,
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