Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

Last night the Diocese of Charleston hosted a medical zoom meeting for all Diocesan schools and parishes regarding COVID and the Delta variant.  Based on the information from the meeting, Saint Joseph Catholic School will put the following recommendations into place.

1. Starting tomorrow, students will not eat in the cafeteria – students will only eat with their grade level and whenever possible outside/in breezeways.
2. We will continue to have school Masses on Fridays – however, we are going to split the grade levels into two groups.
	1. 6th; 5th; and 4th
	2. 3rd; 2nd; 1st; and K
		1. 4K will not attend Mass, however Monsignor Harris is working on special religious instruction for these classes.

These groups will attend on alternating weeks. When they are not able to attend Mass in person, they will watch a Mass in their classroom. All students should continue to wear their dress uniforms on Fridays.

We will only allow parents to attend Mass if their child is reading, singing, or getting a special award.  Parents must sit in the designated parents’ section.

We ask that you please monitor your child and yourself for the following symptoms:

* Congestion or runny nose
* Cough
* Sore throat
* Fever or chills
* Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
* Fatigue
* Muscle or body aches
* Headache
* New loss of taste or smell
* Abdominal pain
* Nausea or vomiting
* Diarrhea
* Poor feeding or poor appetite

We ask that you please keep us informed of any symptoms that develop or of a COVID-19 diagnosis.  Please contact Mr. Yarnall or Mrs. Eadon with any questions.

Sincerely,

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