

December 11, 2020

St. Mary's Catholic School



Triday Notes

COVID Update Per Four Corners Health

Department: Our region is red, Butler County had 38 new cases last week. Most factors were better this week, so we have decreased to very low red—possibly orange next week.<u>Community spread</u> <u>continues to be red</u> so please practice distancing and masking. Detailed region information available at fourcorners.ne.gov.

* We continue to provide elevated protections for the students. They are in masks all but when they are distanced at their desks, to/at PE, while eating 6 feet apart, and to/at recess outside. We had our first positive student last week, none out now. We do not have any evidence of transmission at school. 3 students are awaiting quarantines.

Prayers and Thank you

Fr. Homes, the Aquinas video students, and Emily Dalton for helping record our Advent Program. I think you are going to enjoy it! Planning to release it on Dec. 21st when we would have had an in-person

performance. Make some popcorn and enjoy the show at home. Be sure to share the video with family and friends. This video will also go the nursing homes.

Upcoming Events:

~ 25¢ Advent Raffle continues next week because the kids were so excited! (max 50 cents per day per person, to charity) – *Spirit item prizes*

~ New/Used Coat/Hat/Glove Drive until 12/18 for Blue Valley

Dec. 15-16: PS/PK recording—see Mrs. Rachel's newsletter

Dec. 17: Christmas sweater/shirt and spirit bottoms

Dec. 18: Last day of school, Spirit Day

Dec. 21: Release the Advent program recording to families!!

Adjusted COVID Guidelines-Repeat

feel free to read the full details of the adjustments at their sites.

- For a positive test or high-risk exposure, people will need to quarantine for 10 days from exposure. Then, they may return, but wear masks and check symptoms twice a day for the remaining 4 days. (assuming they do not have symptoms at that point)
- If someone is quarantining for an exposure and symptoms develop, they will need to quarantine for 10 days from the start of symptoms.
- If a person in quarantine chooses to get tested on or after the 5th day of exposure and the test is negative, they may return after day 7with test results and monitor symptoms for the remainder of the 14 days.
 - It the test comes back positive, they will need to quarantine for 10 days from the positive test.

The general rationale behind these changes is two-fold: it continues to keeps people safe as the experts feel that this time frame covers the time period when most people test positive and that it makes the quarantine more likely to be followed.

We will continue to revise and release adjusted documents as needed. Please feel free to call the school with any particular situations or scenarios and we can help to calculate time frames with you.



Please try logging in to your PSL account with the information that came home at conferences. We don't anticipate needing to use online learning, but better to be prepared. Please let Mrs. Urban know if you need the letter again. (jennaurban@cdolinc.net)

Prayers for all of our families, Mrs. Zook



Teacher/Staff Gift Option: Last year we tried the option or giving toward SCRIP gift cards for the teachers and staff and will continue this year. This is optional. If you choose to, please send gift in an envelope with your name and teacher/staff's name to the office. The person will then choose a type of SCRIP.

*Report cards will come home the first week of January.