



October 20, 2020

Subject: Siena Learning Update: October 2020

Siena Catholic Schools Community,

As Quarter One winds down, I wanted to reach out to each of you in regards to our learning plans for Quarter Two. We are committed to keeping our schools open and giving our families a choice in educating their children. However, we need your partnership: by working together as an entire community, we can continue to keep our schools open and our faculty, staff, and students safe.

In order to accommodate our academic planning, we ask that all families [fill out this Quarter 2 Learn From School/Learn From Home form](#). Forms must be filled out by Monday, October 26.

We ask you to give us your learning commitment for the next nine weeks. We will be following the same synchronous learning plan that has been in place during the first nine weeks.

Please note: if a student is struggling academically, socially, emotionally, or behaviorally, school principals reserve the right to make accommodations to a student's learning environment (i.e. move from Learn From Home to Learn From School).

As you may know, there have been positive COVID-19 cases on some of our campuses since the beginning of the year, resulting in additional students needing to quarantine. Not only does this cause disruption for our students and their learning, but it also causes our faculty to have to shift the way that they teach with additional students needing to Learn From Home.

We are proud of our efforts to keep our campuses open for the past 8+ weeks and prevent the spread of COVID-19 inside the walls of our schools. However, our school families play a critical role in mitigating the spread of COVID-19. Events like family parties, sleepovers, friendly gatherings, carpooling, and other social activities have driven infection rates up; it is strongly recommended that individuals continue to follow the social distancing and protective measures to reduce your risk of contracting and/or transmitting COVID-19 to others. Taking extra precautions now allows our schools to stay open, and protects our most vulnerable students, families, and staff from the effects of COVID-19.

I specifically want to acknowledge the extraordinary effort that our teachers, students, maintenance staff, support staff, and leadership have put forth to make Catholic education a possibility during this pandemic.

If you have any questions or need additional information I encourage you to reach out to your child's principal. Thank you for your partnership in education.

Blessings in Christ,

Brenda White

