



St. Francis Xavier  
Jesuit Elementary School  
Preschool - 8th Grade

January 2, 2022

Dear SFX Community,

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone enjoyed a blessed Christmas and is excited to get back to school this Tuesday. During Christmas break, the CDC updated their isolation and quarantine recommendations for the public. Maricopa County Department of Public Health will continue to align with the CDC. As you know, we have stayed in constant contact with MCDPH, who has helped advise us along the journey of the Covid-19 pandemic. In an effort to continue to keep everyone up-to-date and looking out for the health and wellness of our community at large, we will proceed using the updates listed below:

- With the recent surge of the Omicron variant and the high rate of travel during Christmas break, we will implement our indoor mask requirements through Friday, January 14, 2022. Preschool remains mask optional when school resumes on January 4, 2022.
- As of January 4, 2022, we are implementing updates to our [SFX Covid-19 Quarantine Guidelines](#). These updates are also reflected in the recent [CDC guidance](#), which reduce the quarantine period from ten days to five days.
- Anyone on campus displaying Covid-like illness or symptoms will be sent home immediately and will need to remain off campus for five days. Continuing to keep our student body and faculty/staff safe and healthy is a top priority. We want to ensure we can continue to experience minimal to no disruptions to our school year to keep students learning in person.

As we start this new year, I want to bring us back to the theme of our Ignatian Jubilee Year as we strive to **see all things new in Christ**. A new calendar year can be a great time to set new goals and proceed with a renewed energy for all that we do. I look at it through the lens of living out the mission of our school being kids, men, and women for others as we gear up for a fresh start and an opportunity to make 2022 an outstanding one for our school and parish community.

I look forward to seeing everyone again on Tuesday, January 4. Let's build it up in 2022!

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Watson".

Ryan Watson