



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

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. – Romans 15:13

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Dear SFX Community,

I hope everyone is having a great week as we continue to journey through our DLP2 together. I applaud the efforts of everyone in our community and am thrilled with the level of energy and participation shown.

We have stated from the beginning of our Open-to-Growth Plans that we want to use data-based information to help us make sound decisions. The state metrics released continue to move in the right direction for Maricopa County which is very encouraging to see. I am happy to confirm our plan for on-campus learning available for our students is starting September 8. It is extremely important to me that whatever your family decides to do, know that you are 100% supported in your decision. Let's continue to be kids, men, and women for others! Let's support each other, regardless of personal stance on some of these challenging issues we face.

To ensure that we have everyone accounted for, know that we remain committed to providing both on-campus learning, when safe to do so, as well as distance learning.

Please note: Regardless of whether a family has opted for on-campus or distance learning, every student is valued the same whether their presence in our classrooms and school is in person or virtual. Every student at our school is part of our greater pack and we will ensure that all students feel loved, supported, valued, and are receiving an excellent Jesuit education.

We need to know who wishes to opt out of on-campus learning to continue with distance learning. [CLICK HERE](#) to complete this survey and please do so by Sunday, August 30 at 12:00pm. **Only complete the survey if you wish to participate in the DLP2 from September 8 - October 8.** If you wish to have your child on campus, do **not** fill out this survey. Additional information will be sent out on Sunday evening to families who have elected to opt out of on-campus learning.

As we continue planning, I'll release more details early next week for the week of September 8th.

What I can highlight today is the importance of starting on-campus learning safely and orderly for everyone. Therefore, we will roll out the following on-campus schedule for September 8 - 11:

- Tuesday, September 8th and Thursday, September 10th: students with last names A-L return to SFX for on campus learning;
- Wednesday, September 9th and Friday, September 11th: students with last names M-Z return to SFX for on campus learning;
 - Special notes about September 8/9 and 10/11
 - September 8th and 9th will have the intention of getting students and teachers comfortable in the classroom setting. Students who are on campus (9/8 for A-L) and (9/9 for M-Z) will be learning our new procedures highlighted in the Open-to-Growth “All Back Together” plan, while students at home WILL NOT follow the DLP2, but will have pre-assigned work to complete on these days. On these two days, teachers will not be available to respond to emails or phone calls until after school hours.
 - September 10th and 11th are intended for normal class lessons with the group off campus following along with the DLP2. Students in grades 3-8 will participate following their normal "on-campus" schedule, following along at designated synchronous points throughout the day. More will be shared with 3-8 families soon.
Students in grades PS-2 will participate in the original DLP2 structure with a slightly different synchronous schedule taught in collaboration with their classroom teacher and a secondary SFX certified teacher. More will be shared with PS-2 families soon.

September 14 will be the first day that all students who have opted to learn on campus will be on campus together.

Again, more detailed information to follow next week, which will include reminders of protocols/procedures, reminders of how we will all be as safe on campus as possible, as well as an updated FAQ.

It is also important to remember to stay safe when you are not at school. Please be mindful of the CDC guidelines and recommendations. It is critical we all work together both on and off our campus to truly care for our neighbor by wearing our masks, distancing ourselves, and keeping our hands and environment clean so that we can remain healthy and continue with the opportunity for in-person learning.

I hope you all have a blessed weekend and I look forward to connecting again soon. Continue to stay safe, happy, and be healthy. Build it up as we continue to remain open to growth!

God Bless,



Ryan Watson