



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

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I have the strength for everything through Him who empowers me - Philippians 4:13

Dear SFX Community,

I hope you are all safe and healthy as we come close to the end of July. We will officially begin the year implementing our "distance learning protocol 2.0", or "DLP2" starting **August 17, 2020**. I know I share feelings with our entire community with how much we want to be together, but I believe starting with *DLP2* is the best way for our entire community to stay safe, helps continue to curb the numbers of the virus, and keeps us engaged and learning.

The current plan is to have **all students** participate in the *DLP2* for a three week period-- until **September 4, 2020**. This date is obviously subject to change based on the metrics and guidance that we expect to receive from the Arizona Department of Health Services in early August. Starting **September 8, 2020**, we plan to have on-campus learning available for our students whose families choose for them to be on campus. This will be the first date we plan to put our *All Back Together* plan in motion. Rest assured, families have options under this plan. When mandatory *DLP2* ends and *All Back Together* begins, families will still have the option to opt out of the *All Back Together* plan and continue learning from home.

See specifics below:

- We will offer our robust *opt out* option taught by certified SFX teachers which is very similar to *DLP2*. Additional information about the opt out option will be forthcoming. ***Please note, a student or group of students who may have to quarantine at any time will seamlessly join the *opt out DLP2* option until they are able to come back to campus.

-Parents will need to affirmatively commit at certain points throughout the first half of the school year to remain in the opt out option. The objective here is to provide each family with various opportunities to enroll their child in the *All back together* plan. See below:

- **August 24** - Parents who opt out of the *All Back Together* plan must commit to participating in the *opt out DLP2* plan for the **September 8 – October 8th** time frame ([commitment form sent August 21](#))
- **September 25** - Parents must commit to continued participation in the *opt out DLP2* plan for the **October 13-November 6** time frame ([commitment form sent September 22](#))
- **October 26** - Parents must commit to continued participation in the *opt out DLP2* plan for the **November 9 – December 18** time frame ([commitment form sent October 23](#))

Dates to Note:

- August 13 - Scrip office open, used uniform sale, and supply pick up (including devices for families who responded to the survey that this was a need)
 - Supply Pick Up Schedule
 - Last Names A-G 9am-12pm
 - Last Names H-N 12pm-3pm
- August 14 - Scrip office open, used uniform sale, and supply pick up (including devices for families who responded to the survey that this was a need)
 - Supply Pick Up Schedule
 - Last Names O-T 9am-12pm
 - Last Names U-Z 12pm-3pm
- August 16 – Virtual Family Mass - Time TBD
- August 17 - First Day of School! *Distance Learning Protocol 2.0* – Uniform polo required.
- August 17 - 21: 12:50pm dismissal for the entire week. Special first week *DLP2* schedules will be sent next week, then normal *DLP2* schedules will continue starting August 24.
- August 21: A commitment form will go out asking for an update on preferences for *opt out DLP2* or the *All Back Together* Plan.
- August 24: Commitment to *opt out DLP2* required
- September 8: *All Back Together* Plan begins with *opt out DLP2* available
- In order to maintain requirements of the delay of the school year and the 180 school day requirement we had to make some minor changes to our school calendar. Our last day of school is now **Friday May 28th, 2021** and we will be in school on Friday February 12th and Monday May 4th.

Since June 30, you have seen a few different pieces of information from me regarding the *DLP2*. I am excited about the updates we've made and believe it will continue to provide our children with the best opportunities to be formed in our faith, to learn and grow academically, and to stay socially connected to one another. Despite the pandemic, we will be intentional and push forward with our mission of cultivating excellence in mind, body, and spirit.

Our faculty and staff is committed to making our *DLP2* plan an outstanding experience for students (and parents). Our teachers are spending some of their summer vacation participating in professional development on distance learning. They are excited to learn new ways to increase student engagement and improve distance learning. I am grateful for their generosity of time and great example of being open to growth and lifelong learners.

I pray you all have a blessed week and I look forward to connecting again with everyone soon!

God Bless,



Ryan Watson