



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

June 30, 2020

For I know well the plans I have in mind for you. Plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope. - Jeremiah 29:11

Dear SFX Community,

The faculty, staff, and I are preparing for the 2020-2021 school year but, until then, we are hoping that you are all having some fun over your summer break!

As many of you are aware I have spent the last month consulting with a multidisciplinary health advisory committee of respected members of our community, including doctors, educators, and public health representatives. Plans have been devised which best meet the needs of our school community, with the goal of continuing to strive for the best education we can provide while also keeping everyone as safe and healthy as possible. Additionally, I have consulted with the faculty, staff, and parents, to update a distance learning protocol that meets the needs of students and parents in the event we ever need it.

We are planning and hopeful to have our SFX kids back on campus in August and our primary *All Back Together* plan assumes this. However, as you are all aware, COVID-19 is challenging, and its impact on Arizona changes daily. Just yesterday, the Governor announced public schools would push back their start date to August 17. I await the decision from the Diocese regarding our start date and will be in contact immediately after I receive this information. I am hopeful this happens next week at the latest. If we are unable to physically bring our kids back to campus, we have included alternate plans that will still allow us to go forward with providing the best education for your children. Please read over and become familiar with the attached plans. They will be your guide as we enter the new school year.

This is an especially difficult time to create plans that will satisfy everyone's needs and concerns; however, I believe that our balanced, well-reasoned plans fulfill the expressed desires of the majority of the community while accommodating those with different needs.

Rest assured that we have purchased many products that will enable us to have a safe and clean environment on campus. These items include an additional atomizer disinfectant sprayer, hand sanitizing stations, thermometers, social distancing markers, masks, Chromebooks, and plenty of soap for our classroom and bathroom sinks.

I know this continues to be a stressful time for all families. I, along with our faculty and staff will walk with you on this journey! I will continue to be available to chat with any family over the rest of the summer, even when out of the office. Please reach out to me anytime.

I hope everyone has a safe July and early August. Let's continue to pray that we can be back together to start the year and that we all remain safe and healthy!

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Watson', written in a cursive style.

Ryan Watson