



Teaching students with learning differences how to learn, how to be independent, and how to be successful.

August 11, 2020

Dear de Paul School Community

The de Paul School will comply with the Governor's recommendation to begin the school year remotely, through September 28. There will be no on-campus instruction during that time, per the health and safety concerns which were cited in yesterday's announcement from Frankfort.

A number of parents have reached out to us following the Governor's announcement with encouragement and hopes that we would still open on-campus. Your confidence in our planning and design mean a great deal to us. Yet, we are aligned with our collegial independent schools in acceptance that the official recommendation to begin the year remotely is a very strong and directive one. It cites reliable health data which indicates continued concerns associated with the virus and its positivity rate. The firm recommendation is also clearly intended to both public and nonpublic schools. As safe and prepared as The de Paul School is, a recommendation such as this speaks to our responsibility as an educational partner in the full landscape of schools in Jefferson and local counties.

Our first instructional day will remain as **Monday, August 17**. Teachers will review the weekly schedule with families during the Virtual Open Houses. Virtual Open Houses remain as scheduled:

- Teams K-5 (Elementary School) **Tuesday August 11, 2020 @ 7PM**
- Team 6 (Middle School) **Thursday August 13, 2020 @ 7PM**
- Team 7 (Middle School) **Thursday August 13, 2020 @ 6:30 PM**
- Team 8 (Middle School) **Thursday August 13, 2020 @ 7:30 PM**

Students in Teams K through 5 may pick up their supply kit, books, and computer technology on Thursday, August 13 between 7:30 AM and 6:00 PM.

Students in Teams 6 through 8 may pick up their supply kit, books, and computer technology on Friday, August 14 between 7:30 AM and 6:00PM. All supplies pick-ups will be conducted at the gym doors. Visitors to campus at this time must wear masks.

Sudden announcements such as this are never easy to receive and never easy to deliver. Each one can test patience and cause unsettlement. We ask for your continued trust and confidence that in all things and in all seasons, the faculty and staff are committed to doing what is right and best for our students and families.

Tony Kemper, Head of School