

December 2, 2020

Dear St. Joseph Families,

With only one week remaining in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, we are rapidly ending the first semester of this school year. I want to sincerely thank you all for the support that you have shown for your student and for St. Joseph High School during these trying COVID times.

As we begin to plan for the up-coming 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, I want to share with you some important information/changes:

December 18, 2020 – January 3, 2021

Christmas Vacation (no classes)

January 4, 2021

Faculty In-Service Day (no school)

January 5, 2021

Semester 2 (Quarter 3) begins remotely

At the recommendation of the Archdiocese of Chicago, the first two weeks of Quarter 3 will consist of total remote learning (January 5, 2021- January 15, 2021). All students will be expected to remote into their classes, 8:00~AM-2:30~PM, Monday through Thursday and Fridays 8:00~AM-12:00~noon. There will be no in-person learning during this time.

January 18, 2021

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (no school)

January 19, 2021

Hybrid learning resumes (Freshmen/Sophomores on January 19<sup>th</sup> and Juniors/Seniors on January 20<sup>th</sup>)

With the beginning of the new semester, I would like to invite everyone to consider again their choice of hybrid or total remote learning. Both options remain available to all our students. If you would like to change your present option, please contact Ms. Woss by email (pwoss@stjoeshs.org) to let her know of your option change. I would like to encourage all of you to consider returning to our hybrid model of learning. The "person to person" contact with students and teachers is a very important part of our Lasallian educational mission.

Fridays, during the  $2^{nd}$  semester, will be  $\frac{1}{2}$  days of <u>academic classes for all students</u> (8:00 AM - 12:00 noon). We will continue to alternate Fridays - for example, January  $22^{nd}$  Juniors/Seniors in class and Freshmen/Sophomores remote and January  $29^{th}$ 

Freshmen/Sophomores in class and Junior/Seniors remote. This will continue throughout the semester. Special schedules may be created if needed.

Second semester academic schedules will be mailed to you and your student along with your student's first semester report card the week of December 21, 2020.

As we welcome our Chargers back to St. Joseph High School for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, we continue to depend upon the support of all community members to help ensure a safe and effective learning environment. We now know that this academic year will continue to be unlike any other and we are extremely grateful for your support, understanding and feedback. St. Joseph High School is committed to providing a quality education to all the students entrusted to our care. We continue to look forward to working with you and our Chargers in the coming semester.

God bless you and your family.

Sincerely,

David Hotek, AFSC

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