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Dear Families and Friends,

At SJPIICA, we have been thrilled to have been able to open for live and remote instruction this year, during a pandemic. We know there have been some challenges and we are grateful for your patience and understanding during this pandemic. Our main goal has always been to offer our students and families a loving and caring Catholic education in a safe environment.

Our families have excelled at supporting current students and other families through mask wearing, washing hands, social distancing and keeping children home if they are sick. These measures have allowed us to open and stay open. You have truly made a difference. Unfortunately, the virus is strong and is spreading.

Since August, SJPIICA and other Boston Catholic schools have been working with our local and diocesan authorities to make sure your children are safe and able to learn. We have been learning how to live and teach with COVID 19.

Weekly, we have received the latest COVID positivity rates and trends in our neighborhoods and the city at large through Zoom meetings with city officials. The numbers in Boston have risen over the past three weeks. We are currently waiting on updated numbers for this past week from city officials. As the numbers increase, safety for our students, families and teachers have become even more paramount.

If our numbers continue to trend and rise, we will shift to full remote learning until the positivity numbers decrease. Our teachers are prepared and will make the shift immediately. We want to share this information while families have time to prepare for child care and a shift in their daily routines.

We know that remote learning is not the best form of instruction so we are grateful for your understanding. We believe offering our students live instruction is the best option but during this pandemic, it is not possible. Our goal is to reopen for live instruction as soon as it is safe. We anticipate we may have to close for a few weeks and our goal will be to reopen for live instruction as soon as it is safe.

Once we have more information, we will share it with you. Let's continue to pray for our school community and world as we live with COVID 19.

God bless,

Kate Brandley
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