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Dear Parents:

I want to thank you for your patience, support and prayers. It has been an integral part in helping create the roadmap for the "Return to School". Your confidence, faith and positivity is greatly appreciated and a main reason why new families want to join the SRGS community. We commit to doing our best in keeping the academic and spiritual bar high in these unique times. Directions, rules and regulations from both the state and the Diocese continue to be ongoing....our new "Co-vid Co-sign"...*Focus, Faith and Flexibility*.

The past several months have been quite an awakening in these unprecedented times. We spent much of the last school year teaching remotely which became a learning curve for all of us. However, we did our best to deliver an academic and faith based environment to our students on a daily basis. St. Rose has numerous traditions as it continues to rise to every occasion. Many of our cherished traditions were created in particular by a "trifecta of talent" Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Gamberg and Ms. Bryan. These pillars in our school community have decided to turn a new chapter in their lives as they embark on a much deserved retirement. They will leave a legend in our hallways forever and we wish them all the best.

The state and Diocese has released a comprehensive guideline to prepare for a September opening. Our goal is to provide face-to-face instruction in the classroom five days a week with specific parameters set by the state to help protect us from COVID-19. This model has been chosen not only to engage the students' academic progress, but also to enhance their social, emotional and spiritual growth as well.

Academically, we plan to make the learning experience an engaging one. Students who come to school will once again experience a much needed in-person classroom interaction. Live instruction through *Google Meet* and user friendly platforms like *Google Classroom* will be available to students who are kept home by parental choice or in the event that a government mandated remote learning is reinstated. The live instruction will provide an organized format, similar to in person learning. Teachers in each grade level will share the details of their specific format shortly. Either way, our teachers have been trained to toggle our students' learning experience at any given time.

It is important that you familiarize yourself with the "Return To School" plan published on our website at www.srgs.org (under the "Parents & Students" tab > "Pandemic Information"). It contains information on appropriate health protocols, transportation, social distancing, PPE, cleaning, meals, and educational instruction both in school and virtually.

We ask for your focus, faith and flexibility as we prepare the students for a competitive future, confidence in their faith and core Christian values in their hearts. We are in this together and will thrive as a St. Rose Family.

Peace in Christ,
Mr. Guito

***Please note that a modified Meet and Greet schedule will be forthcoming.