



May 6, 2020

Dear Spartans,

With the letter from the Diocese of Metuchen today, we are officially not returning to the classrooms this academic year. This has been a hard time for all of us! The loss of time together, sports, music, activities, service... all of it has been difficult and it is OK to grieve that loss. Additionally, and even more importantly, we know that people in our community and alumni are suffering from the virus itself or have family members suffering. Yet, we will come out on the other side of this event. It is important to remember, as a people of faith, that we are not alone. Jesus is with us and he has put people in our lives to help us in difficult times. For the sick, it is certainly doctors and nurses. For Immaculata students, this may be a beloved faculty member or school counselor. Students, please reach out if you need anything at all... we remain here for you and our virtual door is always open to you.

We are still working on the logistics of closing school for the year. In the next couple of weeks, we will come up with a plan that respects social distancing policies, to have the students come into the building to retrieve their belongings and return school property. Some important spring dates to remember:

- May 13: Last day of virtual lessons for seniors
- May 14-15: No School (Professional Development for Teachers)
- May 18-29: Special Assemblies and Programs for seniors
  - \* Attendance may be required
- May 21: Ascension Thursday, a Holy Day of obligation, all school virtual Mass
  - \* Attendance is required
- May 29: Last day of virtual lessons for grades 9-11
- June 1-12: Special Assemblies and Programs for grades 9-11
  - \* Attendance may be required

*There are no final exams this year.*

We do not know about summer programs at this time. We remain hopeful that we will have our summer camps, although we may need to push them later into the summer. We hope to have some more guidance from the NJ Department of Education and the Diocese of Metuchen soon.

Immaculata is committed to honoring the Class of 2020 in a deserving way. Our school's administration, along with Msgr. Brennan is working with the Diocese of Metuchen to finalize our plans and we are hopeful that we will have some details out very soon.

May God continue to bless Immaculata and her students, faculty, staff and families. Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pray for Us!

*Immaculata Administration*