

Thursday, December 10, 2020

Dear Families,

We hope that this letter finds your whole family safe and well. We also want to share our gratitude to each of you. Because of your commitment and the practices that we share that we have been able to keep our school and parish as safe & healthy as we have this Fall. This has been a year of great challenge for all of us.

We also want to thank you for the continuing privilege of serving your children as they grow, learn and have fun with us here at St. Thomas. We wish you all the warmest wishes for Christmas and look forward to sharing many blessings with you in the New Year!

As we get ready to enjoy our Christmas Break, we wanted to share a couple of updates with you regarding school and our calendar. With the amount of travel that the holidays bring, cold & flu season and especially now in the midst of COVID, we will extend our Christmas Break by an additional week with students now returning for the Spring Term starting Monday, January 11th. In consultation with updated CDC guidelines, we feel this extended time frame can reduce the amount of absenteeism by students who may be either sick or needing to quarantine who may have been exposed during the break. To compensate for the extended break, we will extend the school year by an additional week. The last day of school will therefore be Friday, May 14th. These changes are outlined in an updated calendar which is attached / linked to this letter.

An additional copy can be found on the STNS website: <http://www.stthomasnurseryschool.com/>

All other health & safety protocols, including quarantine procedures will remain in place for the Spring term. We appreciate that we are all working together to prevent community spread of COVID through our shared practices and adhering to our protocols as explained in our Health & Safety Plan Related to Coronavirus.

Please know that how valued your family is to our school and parish. We wish you and your family a safe, healthy and blessed Christmas season and fun break!



Ms. Emily Keiser, *STNS Director*



The Rev. Darren R.S. Elin, *Priest & Rector*