

October 8, 2021

Dear Parents,

First and foremost, I thank you for all that you have done to help keep our Woodland family safe over the last eighteen months. It is through the diligent efforts of our families, faculty, staff, and Board that we have remained open and in seat bringing the best in education to your children. There are some common-sense strategies that will continue to keep everyone safe when we all abide by them. Several of them ask, as per our school prayer, for you to “choose the hard right against the easy wrong” in adhering to the guidelines set forth by the CDC and the State of New Jersey to continue to keep our Woodland family safe.

Most importantly, please remember to keep your child home when he or she does not feel well and to notify the school when doing so. Unfortunately, there have been days where several students across many grade levels have been sent home because of illness. The last thing we want to do is to inconvenience you by calling you to pick up your child if your child is ill, so please keep your child home when he or she is not feeling well. Your child must be fever-free and feeling well for 48 hours before he or she returns. You must also provide a note from your doctor for your child to return to school.

If a member of your household tests positive for COVID-19, please keep your child at home. This is essential for the protection of our entire Woodland family. Although we are notified by the health department when a child in our school tests positive, we respectfully ask that you also immediately notify the school. Please keep your child home if he or she has a pending COVID-19 test. Do not send your child to school until the results are received and be sure to notify the school if those results are positive. Finally, do not send your child to school if he or she has tested positive for COVID-19. We have gone to great lengths with our planning, social distancing, cleaning, disinfecting, and scheduling; however, it means nothing unless every family member does his or her part.

In addition, please follow the up-to-date CDC guidelines for quarantining after travel. This is especially important with the holiday season just around the corner. As of today, for domestic travel beyond the tri-state area unvaccinated travelers must quarantine for seven days. You must test for COVID between days three and five of your quarantine. If you have a negative test, you only quarantine for the seven days. If positive, you quarantine for ten days from the date of your positive test or ten days from the date of your first symptoms if you are symptomatic. You may return after ten days of quarantine provided you are asymptomatic for two days prior to your return. If you are fully vaccinated there is no need to quarantine or test unless you become symptomatic.

Remember that our website has COVID-19 resources available to help you navigate these challenging times. One great resource is the COVID-19 Daily Screening found at the bottom of the page under “COVID-19 Resources.” It’s a great checklist to start your day.

For parents of students in kindergarten through eighth grade, you are receiving two copies of this letter in tandem with your first quarter progress reports. Please sign and return one copy along with your signed progress report by Friday, October 22nd. For prekindergarten parents, please return one signed copy of this letter by October 22nd. Failure to do so will result in your Gradelink account being locked until the signed papers are received.

As always, please reach out to the main office, should you have any questions. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Cosmo F. Terrigno, Ed.S.
Headmaster

In relation to COVID-19, I have read and agree with the conditions outlined in this letter.

Signed: _____ Print Name _____ Date _____

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