



Dear St. Michael's Parents and Families,

Happy Sunday and safe travels, again, for those of you returning from your summer destinations. We look forward to the start of the 2020-2021 academic year at St. Michael's **tomorrow, Monday, August 17**, with a virtual start for all students.

In addition to the email communications from our division directors and from your son or daughter's grade-level teacher or advisor, please find, attached, our **SMS Distance Learning document** with additional information for the start of the year.

This past week, on Tuesday, our planning group met and discussed the more recent Covid-19 data for Pima County. Improving trends in case numbers, local transmission, and test rates put us on track to be well positioned for on-site learning in September as planned. The medical professionals in our group continue to advise me and our administrative team with the most recent local health data. As we have since March, we will provide as much advance notice for any change(s) to our academic schedule—in this case, for any change to our currently scheduled reentry on Monday, September 14.

This is the first week back for our hardworking and dedicated faculty. Teachers have been working diligently, preparing to welcome our students on Monday. It has been a joy to see our teachers return, and to see so many students and families, if only briefly, for intake conferences this week. If you have yet to schedule an intake meeting with your son or daughter's teacher or advisor—virtually or in person—please take a few minutes this week to do so.

Sincerely,
Brendan Sullivan
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