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Dear St. Michael's Parents and Families,

Thank you, all, for your continued care and patience at home and on campus. A very special thanks to our families new to St. Michael's who were able to attend our in-person and virtual reception this morning. We all look forward to welcoming you more fully as the year proceeds.

With regard to our academic schedule for the next eight (8) weeks, please note the following:

We will continue in hybrid mode for the coming week, through next Friday, November 20. Students—whether currently learning on campus or from home—will receive their materials on the 20th for the three-week interim. For specific details by grade and division, please review this week's emails from Ms. Hart (Lower School) and Mr. Hawes (Upper School).

Please remember that this coming Wednesday, November 18, is a scheduled half day, with dismissal at 12:00 noon for all students.

The three-week interim between Thanksgiving and Christmas, November 30-December 18, will be distance learning only. As noted, teachers will be preparing materials for the transition this coming week.

Nov 16-Nov 20	Hybrid Schedule; 12:00 Dismissal, Wed Nov 18
Nov 23-Nov 27	Thanksgiving Break
Nov 30-Dec 4	Distance Learning Only, K-8
Dec 7-Dec 11	Distance Learning Only, K-8
Dec 14-Dec 18	Distance Learning Only, K-8
Dec 21-Dec 25	Christmas and New Year's Break
Dec 28-Jan 1	Christmas and New Year's Break
Jan 4-Jan 8	Scheduled Return to Hybrid Mode (Tentative)

COVID Updates

With the guidance of our planning group, we continue to monitor COVID presence daily in the community and respective concerns for the health and safety of all within our care. While pathogen levels are increasing at an alarming rate in a majority of states in the U.S. and increasing steadily in the state and County—Pima County case numbers have since increased from last week (+50%), and the trends for test positivity rates and hospitalizations are moving steadily upward—the doctors in our COVID planning group agree it reasonably safe to continue in hybrid mode for this coming week before Thanksgiving break. They have significant concerns, as noted, about the trajectory of these same trends as the holiday season continues.

We will continue to meet weekly with our administrative and medical team and communicate with our families throughout the holidays, these next six-plus weeks, before our tentatively scheduled return to campus in January. Continued adherence to physical distancing, masking, and hand hygiene—now, over the holidays, and beyond—is absolutely necessary for us to maintain onsite classes. Please continue to embrace these proven preventative health measures, for the health and safety of all.

Picture Day Will Proceed, Thursday, November 19

Individual student photo portraits will be taken this coming Thursday, November 19. It is a free-dress day for all students. For distance learners at home, you may either come before school (7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.), or after 2:30 p.m. For the afternoon option, in order to minimize traffic, if your last name starts with A-L please arrive at 2:30; and if your last name starts with M-Z please come at 2:45. Please remember to wear a mask.

All good wishes for the weekend,

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