



Statement on Events Outside of School During COVID-19

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We are living in times of uncertainty which makes it difficult to predict if the measures we have put in place with the intention of keeping our students safe at school in the midst of the pandemic will hold.

We are walking a fine line that is allowing students to return to school and to have some participation in extra-curricular activities. We know even these experiences are not “normal”. Only if the guidelines for each situation are carefully followed will there be hope that we can continue on without a return to the total shutdown we experienced last spring. If it becomes necessary for a school to be ordered to go fully remote, all in person extra-curricular activities will also be shut down.

We want to be able to return to full in person participation in the signature traditions and events that our students and families desire as soon as it is declared safe. We know our students want graduations, full sports seasons, the ability to engage fully in the arts, and to be able to gather together without restrictions.

Through working together we can still offer students opportunities for the school experience we all desire and the safe practices needed at this time.

- We ask that parents talk with their children and monitor their behaviors that could bring a higher risk factor into schools.
- We ask that parents not allow large gatherings at their homes or plan events outside of school with the intention of “replacing” an experience that the school cannot in good conscience plan at this time.

If the school becomes aware of large gatherings of students outside of school that are not in compliance with Ohio Health Department orders (ex. 10 or fewer people, strict food and beverage guidelines, etc.), the school may enact certain responses including required self-isolation, cancellation of in person classes and extra-curricular activities, or possible student disciplinary consequences.

The pandemic has challenged all of us to remember that our faith calls us to act for others and to make decisions for the common good. We have the opportunity to model to our young people how to handle adversity and disappointment yet still find some joy in the situation in which we find ourselves. Their adult lives will have ups and downs, and the opportunity to develop resiliency is a gift that will serve them well.