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Greetings Parents/Guardians!

The number of COVID-19 cases in New Jersey is higher than we all would like. As expected, the number of positive cases increased after the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. The Immaculate Conception Parish schools went virtual in response to a Diocesan decision to opt for five intentional days of virtual learning versus fourteen or more unexpected virtual days in the circumstance of COVID-19 positive cases in our community.

We feel the strategic decision worked. While we were on virtual after Thanksgiving, Immaculata alone was informed of at least five positive cases. We do believe being virtual that week prevented exposure to COVID-19 on our campus.

As such, the Immaculate Conception Parish schools have decided to go virtual the week of January 4. Therefore, **Immaculata High School will be virtual beginning on the 4th, with synchronous video conferencing Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and an asynchronous day on Wednesday, the 6th, for a faculty meeting. We will reopen for in-person instruction on Monday, January 11.** We further hope this decision ensures the start of winter sports on the 11th.

We urge you to continue to share with us if a member of your family and our student population tests positive for COVID-19. Please do so even if we are on virtual learning and you think the information will not impact our instructional schedule. Having the most accurate data helps us to make appropriate decisions moving forward.

The main goal, as you know, is to keep our students, faculty, office personnel, and everyone's families safe and healthy. I believe, with the vaccines being distributed as we speak, the end is in sight! Praise God! Let us keep praying to continue in-person education at the Immaculate Conception Parish schools through June. I am hopeful for a traditional graduation this year!

With gratitude for your prayers and cooperation,

Joan M. Silo

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Hope is alive at Immaculata!

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