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Good afternoon!

As expressed last evening, this morning we conducted contact tracing that pertained to our COVID-19 positive situation. Unfortunately, the result is that we must move to virtual learning for the entire school community for a total of 14 calendar days. Some activities will continue with restrictions.

You can imagine the emotions the leadership team and I are feeling as we share this information. We know that it may cause a burden on family dynamics, a challenge for students who experience difficulty with virtual learning, and another source of sadness for students so desperate for life to return to what it once was. Yet, despite this new COVID-19 interference, we must remain positive, prayerful, and grateful to God for he has blessed us and is always with us!

More details will come from the Dean of Academics and others, including coaches and directors, regarding specifics, but to follow is an overview of the days ahead.

Friday, January 22 and Friday, January 29	Asynchronous days
Monday, January 25 - Tuesday, February 2	Synchronous days
Wednesday, February 3	Return to In-person learning

There will be no athletics or activities today. However, athletics and activities will resume tomorrow for students who are not considered, by the school's standards, to have been in close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual. As you know, Immaculata's standards are directed by the Somerset County Department of Health and the Diocese of Metuchen. Close contact letters are forthcoming.

The school building will be open tomorrow and next week from 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., if a student needs to pick up books for school work.

The good news is we are just entering the second semester so we still have a lot of time this school year to learn, work, play, and pray together. I am hopeful that NJ COVID-19 numbers will settle down, but it will take all of us being careful with our choices. Hang in there with us and God bless!

With caution and optimism,

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"I will praise you in this storm."

(lyrics from a great song, Praise You in This Storm, by Casting Crowns)

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