



## THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MEMPHIS

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Dear Parents and Students,

I hope you have enjoyed the start to our school year. While there are always challenges, I think all schools are faring well despite the ongoing issues related to the pandemic.

Our Diocesan Covid-19 Response team, which includes the bishop and several other administrative leaders, continues to monitor the pandemic daily and consult with our school principals and pastors. Our principals send weekly Covid-19 updates to us regarding their specific schools and then we share this information with local government and health leaders.

Recent numbers in Shelby County show the virus as still a major threat to health safety for all. Therefore, we will continue to mandate face coverings in all our Shelby County diocesan schools. We will reevaluate this decision again on or near September 24, 2021.

I wish to thank all the principals, teachers, staff and our school families who have done such a wonderful job keeping our students as safe as possible while still giving them a top-notch Catholic education. Have a wonderful Labor Day weekend.

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