

Parents and Students,

Please see the following reminders for this week.

Tomorrow Spirit Wear (Athletes Dress Up):

Tuesday, November 24th will be Spirit wear day! Students may wear jeans with a school shirt. Athletes might be asked by his/her coach to dress up instead of normal spirit wear.

Basketball Games

Tuesday, November 24th will be our first home basketball games. The Boys and Girls Basketball teams will be playing Liberal.

Here is the schedule for the games:

JV Girls begin at 5:30 and will play 2 quarters

JV Boys will follow JV Girls and will be a full 4 quarter game.

Following the JV Boys game, the Varsity Girls game will begin which is followed by the Varsity Boys to end the night.

Student Section Theme for the evening is WARRIOR PRIDE! Wear School Spirit wear.

- **Following the new Joplin City mandate, Masks are required inside at all times by spectators.**

Finals:

Finals are required for all McAuley classes. Although not required, some St. Peter's teachers will have finals. All students grades 6 - 12 will follow the same bell schedule.

During Finals, students will turn in his/her cell phones every morning when checking into school. They will be held in the office until after finals are finished for the day.

[Click here For Finals Schedule](#)

Face Masks Update:

When students return from Thanksgiving Break a new mask mandate will be in place at all Joplin Area Catholic Schools for students, staff and faculty. Starting Monday, November 30th, all students will be required to wear a face mask the entire day. Our current mask policy requires students to wear masks during times of transition and at times when close proximity cannot be avoided during the school day. After updates from Governor Parsons, the new mandate from the Joplin City Council and the continuation of Covid cases spikes in Joplin, we feel that this change is necessary.

How does this affect my students at St. Peter's and/or McAuley? Honestly, not much. We currently have been working under a mask mandate but have allowed some "freedom" in classes where social

distancing is possible. However, under the new guidelines, students will wear masks the entire day EXCEPT when they are eating lunch.

Is this a good change? We think so!! Under the old state guidelines, any student that was located in a class with a teacher or student was placed on quarantine for 10 to 14 days. Under this new guideline, students in a class with a teacher or student that test positive will NOT be required to quarantine. The person testing positive, of course, will be quarantined according to Jasper County Health Department Regulations, but others students in close contact will be able to attend school as long as they are monitored for symptoms and stay home at the first sign of illness.

Attached to this email is a press release from Governor Mike Parsons about the changes in the state's K-12 School Quarantine Guidance. Click on the link below Governor Parsons Covid Update (pdf file).

Lunch Menu:

The lunch menu for December is attached. Please remember that if you are receiving low or negative balance lunch emails, you can make payment by sending money to the office OR online using the EZ School Apps payment portal. If you have any questions about the lunch program, please let us know.

The menu is located at the bottom of the email.

Thanksgiving Break ending

Tomorrow, Tuesday November 24th will be a full day of school and the last day for the week. Thanksgiving Break is Wednesday through Friday.

Students will return to classes on November 30th.

Have a SAFE and Happy Thanksgiving!!

Dr. Yoakam