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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the first marking period already. We are grateful that St. Thomas the Apostle has been abundantly blessed with the health and safety of all of our families. I am sure we can agree that we have been vigilant with our Covid-19 protocols. As I have said many times in the past, "our number one priority is the safety and well-being of our students."

The holiday season is quickly approaching. Thanksgiving is only a few short weeks away. Spending time with family and friends as we reflect on all the blessings God has bestowed is essentially what Thanksgiving is about. The Office of Schools in the Diocese of Metuchen is fully aware that our families may be exposed to more people during this time than in recent months. Therefore, a plan has been put into place.

St. Thomas the Apostle, along with all Diocesan schools will be fully remote the week after Thanksgiving, Monday, November 30 through Friday, December 4. There will be no interruption in instruction, simply a shift to a virtual platform. We are hopeful that this virtual week will limit exposure of all the students in our school. This will also enable the faculty a practice run in the event that the state mandates a transition to remote learning in the future.

On another note, all Diocesan schools have recently completed the re-accreditation process. It was a long road with a rather heavy workload, but at the same time, it has been a very rewarding process.

In recognition of the tireless efforts undertaken by all the administrations and faculties in the Diocese, Bishop Checchio has granted a Bishop's holiday to all the schools on Monday, December 7. There will be no classes held that day.

We will be having a 12:20 dismissal on Wednesday, November 25. The students will not be reporting back to the building until Tuesday, December 8.

We are attempting to be proactive to keep all of our students, faculty, and staff healthy and safe. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support.

God Bless,

Mrs. Annette Pioppo



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