



Nouvel Catholic Central Schools

Called by Christ to learn, love and lead... courageously.

December 11, 2020

Dear Nouvel Catholic Central Community,

We hope this second week of Advent finds you at peace and in good health. We wanted to ensure that you are aware of the community events as well as updates related to instruction in midst of the COVID.

Thank you for supporting the Puglie family

We want to acknowledge and thank the members of the Nouvel community that have prayed for and supported the Puglie family in any way. As of the writing, the GoFundMe page indicates that over \$26,000 has been raised thus far! ([Mr. Puglie GoFundMe page](#)) Please continue to keep the Puglie family in your prayers.

Breakfast Bag Donations

Thank you to those who have signed up to give. A friendly reminder that the first date for delivery is today, Friday, December 11. Please check the date(s) you have committed to. Thank you for supporting this community service project. ([View Event and Sign-up Details](#))

November Parents Survey / Results

Prior to the return to in-person instruction at the elementary and middle school following Thanksgiving, a portion of the feedback from the November parent survey was shared in a community update. We have recently received some questions related to the survey data. We have posted a summary of the survey online ([View Results](#)). We have also included each individual response that was received. However, as we did not indicate that we would be publishing or ask for permission to share them, we have not included specific demographic information and comments, as they may contain personal, identifiable information. Currently, 85% of our students at our Elementary/Middle School are receiving in-person instruction.

Saginaw County Health Department (SCHD), Recent Statements Related to In-Person Instruction

In an email to the county superintendents on 12-8-20, the SCHD shared the following information/statements related to in-person instruction:

- “The latest data available to us suggests that children age 0-19 still only make up 10% of our total number of cases in Saginaw County. This has been consistent since the pandemic began. It remained consistent even when nine of our districts implemented some form of in-person learning in August and September.”
- “Schools, particularly the younger grades, do not appear to be the super-spreading locations many thought they would be.”
- “...students are probably safer in a school environment, with aggressive mitigation strategies in place, than they are in locations and situations where mitigation strategies are NOT as well managed.”

As we have throughout the pandemic, we will continue to consult with and seek guidance from the SCHD.

Virtual Learning

We continue to work to support families and students that prefer a virtual learning environment. You are welcome to contact your building principal to discuss this topic. We currently have 49 (15%) of our

elementary and middle school students learning virtually. Prior to the current closure, the number of high school students learning virtually was in the single digits.

Return to School Following Christmas Break

We will continue to review all options and relevant data regarding in-person instruction in early January. This question was included in the November Parent Survey. It is possible that we may ask for your thoughts on this topic again in the near future.

CDC Guidance for Travel

The CDC has updated its travel guidance on December 2nd. ([View CDC Domestic Travel Guidance](#))

Nouvel to Maintain a 14 Day Quarantine Period

Although the CDC has amended its quarantine guidance, it still recommends a 14 day quarantine period. The SCHD is also continuing to recommend a 14 day quarantine period. Therefore, we will continue to use a 14 day quarantine period for students and staff. ([View CDC Guidance](#))

Technology Upgrades

Earlier this week, work was completed to increase bandwidth at the high school building. We are also exploring the potential of increasing bandwidth capacity at the elementary and middle school

Reminder - Board of Trustees Public Comment Opportunity

Members of the Nouvel community may contact or address the board directly during a specific portion of the regularly scheduled board meetings. Comments may also be submitted in writing. These comments are included in the board packet. ([View more information online](#)) You can find the opportunity to submit a *Community Comment* under documents and/or scroll down to *correspondence* form near the bottom of the page.

MANS et. al Lawsuit Update (In-Person Instruction, Grades 9-12)

A hearing in relation to the injunctive request is scheduled for Monday, 12/14/20. We will keep you updated as this process evolves. ([View more information about this case](#))

As always if you have any questions or concerns you are welcome to contact us. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully,



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May the God of hope will you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit - Romans 15:13.