

June 12, 2020

**Dear Parents:** 

Duchesne High School is developing a variety of scenarios, but planning on opening the 2020-2021 school year as previously announced. Freshmen and transfer students will have orientation on August 19 and 20. All students will be in school August 21 for a half day, with the regular schedule starting on Monday, August 24. For answers to other calendar questions, please see the website at www.duchesne-hs.org/calendar.html.

While I am confident the distance learning opportunities Duchesne teachers provided the students was better than most other schools, the community feeling, and family atmosphere of Duchesne cannot be fully replicated over the internet. We believe the best way to fully shape leaders in mind, body, and spirit is to have them in school, working directly with each other and their teachers, coaches, directors, and moderators.

School personnel have been working with the Archdiocese of St. Louis and the Office of Catholic Education and Formation to create a Task Force to develop a variety of plans, and strategies for next year. The areas of focus include: Teaching & Learning, Faith Formation & Community, and Operations. As chair of the Teaching and Learning focus group, I know we have been working to think of everything we could to be sure all of our students and faculty are safe when they return during this time of uncertainty.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at flong@duchesne-hs.org.

Shaping leaders,

Fritz Long

Principal