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Dear Parents,

As you know, the Governor plans to lift the directive of requiring masks for all businesses on 3/31/21 should the decrease in COVID cases continue. The current directives can result in businesses and individual fines when not followed. With the lift in this mandate, private businesses maintain the right to institute the guidance as they see fit with a more flexible approach. The guidelines for schools through the CDC and department of health are still in effect.

The directives do not mean a change in individual behaviors which still require social distancing, masks, avoiding group activities/settings, hand washing, quarantines, vaccinations, and so forth to continue to allow the COVID cases to decline. If cases do increase, emergency measures can alter that directive. We are all praying for continued improvement.

A few changes have taken place though. We are now eating in the Youth Center on Wednesdays instead of the classrooms. We are distancing the students at least 6 feet apart and grades 3-8 are continuing to wear masks when getting up from the tables. Additionally, our chapels on Wednesdays are now in the church which is large enough to also social distance with masks. Our mask mandate will remain in effect for now.

We remain committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our students and staff and currently we are maintaining our prevention strategies at OAS. The school year is coming to an end very soon and we are so thankful to God for His watchful protection over us and for your support during this unprecedented time.

Sincerely,

Janet Lopez
OAS Principal

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