

Dear Ursuline Families,

We have been working diligently to devise the best plan to open school in August. After consultation with medical professionals, the local health commissioner, and diocesan officials, we are pleased to announce we will return to school for in-person classes, five days a week. Our goal is to continue to provide our students with an excellent, academically rigorous, Catholic education in the Ursuline tradition. This will indeed be an unusual year, but our mission remains the same.

Next week, we will release specific details regarding the numerous procedures, sanitation efforts, and policies that will allow us to return to school safely. Plans have also been made to deal with a hybrid model and remote learning, if that becomes necessary or mandated by the state. A return to remote learning for a sustained period of time would include daily interaction with each student's teacher in the core subjects. Plans have also been made to provide an online option for students who can not return to school because of personal health issues or vulnerable family members in their home.

Every effort was made to provide adequate financial aid to families. We will continue to work with families who are experiencing financial hardships. We are committed to retaining every student. No student should have to transfer from Ursuline due to finances. Please contact me to schedule a meeting if your family faces economic challenges.

We also plan to continue the important spiritual, social, and extracurricular activities of the school, while adhering to social distancing and state regulations. This would include athletics, although we do not yet have an official recommendation from the state or OHSAA regarding most fall sports.

Please look for the detailed plans in the mail and through your email to be sent at the end of next week. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 330-744-4563 or [ursulinehigh@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:ursulinehigh@youngstowndiocese.org). Thank you for your continued patience and support.

Go Irish,

Matthew Sammartino