

November 3, 2020

Dear CRJ Parents & Guardians,

I pray that you and your family are safe and healthy. I write today with an update on our path forward as it relates to the remainder of the school year.

Our COVID Task Force continues to monitor the important health indicators related to this pandemic. Unfortunately, the Baltimore area continues to experience an increase in the rate of those who test positive for the virus. The data trends are similar across much of the country, and as we enter the flu season, I want to remind everyone to continue to take the necessary precautions to stay healthy. This is not the time to let your guard down.

Please review and follow the recommended [safety guidelines from the CDC](#). In summary, please continue to:

- Wash your hands often
- Avoid close contact
- Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when around others
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces
- Monitor your health daily and follow CDC guidelines if symptoms develop
- Protect your health this flu season

Importantly, our principal Mr. Reap and Nurse Tatum are overseeing our school facility readiness so that CRJ will be prepared to transition into Phase 2 Hybrid Learning whenever it is safe to do so. To date, CRJ has taken the following important steps:

- Implemented a new temperature check-in station in the front lobby
- Prepared new procedures and protocols for teacher and student traffic patterns for navigating our school hallways safely
- Physically modified our front office and bathrooms
- Purchased masks and related PPP
- Upgraded our HVAC air filtering system
- Adjusted student desks in every classroom to meet CDC safety guidelines to ensure social distancing of 6 ft. apart

The COVID Task Force will continue to seek input from our families and our teachers prior to any future decisions about physically returning to school. In the coming weeks, *please be on the lookout for an email that will provide the dates and times for some upcoming community forums for our families*. This will be an opportunity to ask questions and share your input with CRJ's leadership team during these challenging times. Your participation is essential to our success as a school. The decision of whether CRJ will transition from Distance Learning to Hybrid Learning for January will occur in early to mid-December.

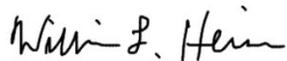
While the First Marking Period was not how any of us envisioned the first semester of school, I am comforted by the fact that our students and teachers remain in good health and our distance learning delivery model is effective. I am grateful to our students and families for your continued perseverance during this Second Marking Period. Please join me in thanking and commending our teachers and our school administration, led

by Mr. Reap, for their commitment to ensuring that we continue to deliver an education that is both challenging and supportive. Our unwavering goal is for every CRJ student to be prepared for college when they graduate.

To reach this goal, we need you to lean in and to stay involved in your student's education. Please make sure that your student is attending and engaged in their daily lessons, completing daily assignments, and preparing for assessments. Communication between students, parents, teachers, staff, and our administration is very important. Please let us know if anything arises related to the health or educational needs of your student by emailing CRJ at: CristoReyCares@crstoreybalt.org. We are in this together and our team is here for you.

In closing, I want you to know that all of you remain in my daily prayers. Each morning at 7:40, Fr. Malloy leads our community in a daily five minute prayer. I have found these zoom prayer gatherings as a great way to start my day and I encourage you to join if your schedule allows. Stay tuned for more information going forward. Thank you for being an important part of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Heiser". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B" and "H".

Dr. Bill Heiser
President