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December 16, 2020

Dear CRJ Parents & Guardians,

As we finish our final week of school in 2020 I am writing to share our current plan before our students start school again in 2021.

The second marking period will end on January 15th. All students will return to “virtual” school on January 4th for the remainder of the 2nd marking period. Our COVID Task Force continues to monitor the important health indicators related to this pandemic. Unfortunately, Baltimore City continues to experience very high rates of those who test positive for the virus. It remains our hope to transition to Phase 2, Hybrid Learning, at some point in the 2nd semester, however it does not look prudent at this time. Our task force will continue to review this situation as we return from the winter break and provide you regular updates.

Importantly, there may be safe opportunities to bring small groups of students into school, either for academic support or extracurricular sports/activities, beginning in January. These situations provide students an opportunity to safely return to CRJ to improve their academic performance or to stay connected to their peers. Mr. Reap will communicate with you if and when these opportunities arise. We are hopeful that our basketball teams will be able to have a delayed winter season in March but this will be determined in late January. Our administration will continue to keep you updated on any MIAA league and school decisions.

I want to re-emphasize that it is critically important for you to follow the recommended [safety guidelines from the CDC](#). We are still in the midst of a pandemic. Please continue to wash your hands often, socially distance, and wear a mask. It is great news that the vaccine for COVID-19 has been approved by the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) with distribution being rolled out across the country. We will begin to share more information related to the COVID vaccine in 2021 in an effort to become more knowledgeable and build confidence across our CRJ community. Ensuring that we all trust the vaccine is an important key to ending the pandemic.

In closing, I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas. I am so grateful for our Cristo Rey community. Every day, I witness the love, dedication, and support that our students, faculty, and staff show one another. Although these are challenging times, our community gives us strength and we will get through this together. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or a member of our CRJ team if we can be of support or assistance.

In service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill L. Heiser".

Dr. Bill Heiser  
President