



December 31, 2021

Dear CRJ Students and Families,

We pray that this letter finds you safe and healthy as you enjoy your remaining days of winter break with friends and loved ones. With the arrival of the new highly contagious COVID variant, Omicron, and the rise in COVID cases throughout the area, we have several updates to provide regarding the return to school during the new year. Keeping our school community safe and protected is of the utmost importance as we navigate this newest surge. As such, we have made several adjustments to the school calendar and health and safety protocols as we plan on returning students to the school building safely for the remainder of the school year.

First, students will not return to the Cristo Rey campus for in-person learning until Tuesday, January 18, 2022. Students will remain home the week of January 3-7 and asynchronous learning will begin for the week of January 10-14. This two week period will allow our faculty and staff to plan for a smooth transition back to in-person learning and implement our updated health and safety protocols. Please check your inboxes in the upcoming days for academic information from Principal Reap and faculty regarding the plans for the week of asynchronous learning.

Additionally, **all students, faculty, and staff must register for mandatory COVID 19 testing which will begin weekly on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 from 7:15am-10am.** While students will be participating in asynchronous learning during this week, we will require all students to receive a COVID test located at the school on January 12th, prior to in-person learning resuming. This will allow all members of our community who test positive to safely isolate. **All students must receive a negative COVID-19 test to return to in-person learning on January 18, 2022.** Testing will then continue every Wednesday at Cristo Rey from 7 am-10 am for every member of the CRJ community including students, faculty, and staff. Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 90 days will not have weekly testing until they are out of the 90 day window from their positive test.

The Cristo Rey shuttle will operate normally the morning of Wednesday, January 12th. In addition, the shuttle will transport students from school back to the shuttle stop after testing is complete.

Please read, complete, and return the [attached registration information](#) from Capital Diagnostics for the mandatory COVID testing program. *IMPORTANT* When you reach the "PAYMENT INFORMATION" tab, you must select the "Maryland K12 Schools" tab. This will

ensure your test is covered by the State screening grant. Please click [here](#) to register your student. We will seek to minimize disruptions of class time for the quick and painless test. Test results will be emailed directly to the individual tested (or their parent/guardian) by the laboratory partners within 24-48 hours. **Please register your student by January 10, 2022 for testing.** If you have any questions regarding the testing process, please contact Nurse Tatum at jtatum@crstoreybalt.org.

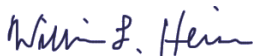
As an increased layer of protection against the Omicron COVID variant, all students, faculty, and staff will be receiving KN95 masks to wear throughout the school day. **We also strongly encourage all students who are eligible to receive their booster shots do so as soon as possible.** The CDC recommends a booster shot 6 months after receiving the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine and 2 months after receiving the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. The Pfizer booster is approved for ages 16 and older. The Moderna booster is approved for ages 18 and older. There will be a Pfizer booster clinic held at Cristo Rey on January 19, 2022 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm for all those eligible - more information on that will be available next week. The booster shot is the strongest defense against all variants of the COVID virus.

The Corporate Internship Program will be paused from January 3-7, 2022. Students will complete an asynchronous project the week of January 11-14, 2022 and internships (in-person and remote) will resume starting Tuesday, January 18, 2022. Mr. Busse and the Corporate Internship team will be in touch regarding updates to the CIP calendar. If you have any questions regarding the CIP schedule or your internship please email, cip@crstoreybalt.org. Additionally, all athletics, extracurricular activities, and clubs will be suspended for the entire month of January.

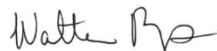
As we learn more about the new COVID variant, we will continue to follow the CDC and Maryland Department of Health's guidance. We urge all to exercise caution and continue to remain vigilant in order to protect themselves from illness. To learn more about the Omicron variant, please click [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact crstoreycares@crstoreybalt.org.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our school and mission. This is a trying time for many members of our community, but together we will overcome this challenging situation.

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