Dear Carrollton Community,

I hope this email finds you safe and well, and that you have had some time to rest, read, and re-create over the summer. I write to share with you Carrollton's plans to reopen our campus for the 2020-21 academic year. While we remain committed to having all of our students receive in-person instruction as much as possible this year, we believe that the best way to reorient and reconnect students and teachers safely and sustainably is through a thoughtful and deliberate process of a staggered return to campus. This will allow us to gradually increase student numbers on our campuses as we all accustom ourselves to new policies and procedures. Please read the descriptions below carefully:

- **Our Montessori** students will reconnect and reorient through small groups visiting campus from August 19 through 28, followed by full on campus learning, scenario 1, on August 31.

- **The Intermediate and Primary** programs will reconnect by bringing small groups onto campus from August 19 through 28, followed by on campus instruction under our hybrid, scenario 2, on August 31, with a goal of returning to full on campus instruction, scenario 1, beginning September 14.

- On August 24th the **Upper School and Junior High** will begin the school year with remote orientations and programming, under scenario 3, and return to campus under our hybrid, scenario 2, from September 8 – 18, with a goal of being fully on campus, scenario 1, by September 21.

You will receive detailed instructions and descriptions from your daughter’s School Head on **Monday, August 10th**. Within each scenario you will also have the choice to keep your daughter at home learning remotely through our Carrollton Connection.

While it is impossible to promise that COVID-19 will never appear on our campuses, we have confidence in our mitigation plans, policies, and protocols. They are designed with great care, based on the guidance of our Health and Safety Team, the CDC, WHO, AAP, and Florida Department of Health. We will continue to monitor guidance from these groups, as well as the local transmission rate of the virus, and our decisions will be made accordingly. As explained in our Return to School Plan, we must be prepared to be flexible in what will most likely continue to be a fluid situation. It is my plan to communicate with you every two weeks, with updates and pertinent information. Your daughter's School Head will communicate weekly, as they have in the past.

As we enter into this new academic year with faith, courage, and confidence, we must remain cognizant that we are facing one of the most challenging circumstances Carrollton has ever encountered. The key to our success will be the support and cooperation of our entire community. While we realize there are uncertainties ahead, we look forward to a year full of growth and discovery. Let me take this opportunity to acknowledge the incredible work of our faculty, staff, and Task Force volunteers who helped us prepare for this coming year, and I thank all our community members in advance for doing your part to help ensure the best for all.

With faith, hope, and love,

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"There are no difficulties except for those who worry too much about tomorrow. Do not look back to the past, or forward to the future. Claim only the present, for it holds God’s will."

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne