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Greetings Parents,

As you know through the previous update emails, HCS has been preparing for the re-opening in September. HCS plans on a full five-day week of classes. I will explain our plan for re-opening which might change slightly if the state requires any other modifications.

The priority will always be for the safety of both students and staff. I have been meeting to coordinate this with the supervisors of each department, church administration, and professionals in both the medical and educational fields.

We realize that the best scenario for students is to be in the classroom. To do this we have done the following:

1. Install hand sanitizers in each classroom.
2. Have touchless hand sanitizers in the halls.
3. Touchless Infrared wall thermometers are being installed to allow us the ability to check temperatures at a rate of 50 students per minute
4. Proper signage will be in all common areas, bathrooms, and hallways.
5. Continuous supply of PPE
6. Scheduled cyclic cleaning of common areas 3X a day.
7. Deep cleaning every afternoon after school lets out.

We have set a cap on the number of students we will enroll this year. That is why several grades are closed out with a waiting list. By doing this we are ensuring that all CDC guidelines are being followed. Each student's desk will be socially distanced along with the teachers. This will allow us to not have students wearing a mask in the classroom. Of course, any parents of students who feel safer with masks should do so. The main rule will be that any time you are out of the classroom, you must wear a mask. This is for students as well as staff.

We will be checking all student and staff temperatures at the start of the day. We do have a nurse on duty this year every day until 3pm. This is provided by the Valley Central School District. We realize that this year again will be a learning year. However, given the way most teachers performed last year, we expect even stronger online instruction if that should arise.

We are going to be using the "Cohort Classroom" model for this year. This means that students will be in the same classroom while teachers rotate to the class they are instructing. There will be occasions where students will need to move to a different classroom (e.g. art, chorus, drama, or gym), at those times a mask will be required. There also will be periodic breaks to go outside for fresh air. Outdoor classes will be done at times. We have planned for remote learning if that should have to be required for short time or longer.

The priority for Harmony is your children. We want them to feel safe, but not afraid. We want to strengthen them spiritually and academically. We stand with you in these unprecedented times, trusting in our Sovereign God and His plan for the coming year.

God Bless You
Kevin Barry

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