

ENGLEWOOD ON THE PALISADES CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Englewood on the Palisades Charter School Community:

We hope that this letter finds our families healthy and safe as we enter the season of Thanksgiving. This season of gratitude, healing, peace, kindness and thankfulness is what we are asking for our world, and specifically our EPCS families.

As we continue to navigate the national, state and local COVID-19 data updates; in addition to the resurgence of the numbers of cases in New Jersey as a whole and Bergen County and the city of Englewood specifically, has prompted this letter and our institutional decision for our students. As reported by the New Jersey Department of Health, as of Friday, November 20, 2020, there are 31,687 presumptive Positive Cases. As of November 17, 2020, the City of Englewood Health Department reports a total of 1,213 known positive COVID-19 cases of Englewood resident. As stated in the report "it is likely there are more positive cases that have yet to be identified".

St. Cecilia High School opened in 1901 and closed its door for the purpose of religious education in 1986. Prior to the COVID-19 virus, we always felt that we could always use additional space in this building, but for many other reasons. Due to the structure of our building, there are many areas that do not allow us to provide our students the required social distance of 6 feet for their movement throughout the day, arrival and dismissal of students from school.

Once again, as administrators reflecting on our responsibility to protect our student, families, staff, and teachers from potential risk to themselves and their families; and not having control over variables that are so critical to the health and safety of our students and staff has amplified our priority of health and safety first.

To that end, the Englewood on the Palisades Charter School will continue to implement remote/virtual instruction throughout the 2nd Marking Period which begins on Monday, December 7, 2020 and concludes on Friday, March 12, 2021.

During this time period we will continue to monitor the data, to make adjustments to this decision if possible.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and all other family members that have helped to make our first marking period successful. Your partnership, support, patience with our teachers, staff, and administration is a moving force that keeps us all working for the welfare of the students. WE THANK YOU.

Additional Updates:

The end of the First Marking Period is Friday, December 4, 2020.

Report Cards will be available on OnCourse for Parents review on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 3:00pm.

Parents can request a paper copy of student report cards.

Sincerely,



Mr. Anthony Barckett
Director



Dr. Shirl Burns
Principal