

Monday, October 26, 2020 at 3:00 PM

Dear GTACS faculty, staff, and families,

On our academic year calendar, we had designated several periods as possible days off for health and safety reasons. **The decision has now been made that there will be no school on November 23 and 24. This also means that there will not be St. Joseph Club available for Immaculate Conception students on those two days.** An updated academic year calendar is attached. Two days designated in a similar way for December are still pending and will be decided on later in November.

When combined with the traditional Thanksgiving holiday of November 25-27, this means a full week off of school. It will be important to maintain vigilance regarding COVID-19 during this timeframe, including being mindful of the guidelines for safe travel, holiday gatherings, etc. Here are a couple of resources on these topics:

- [CDC guidelines for holiday travel](#)
- [Grand Traverse County Health Department recommendations regarding holiday celebrations](#)

Regarding the probable case which occurred at Immaculate Conception last week, the Health Department completed its investigation on October 24. All close contacts were notified by October 24. The probable case was confirmed as positive, but since all mitigation measures had already been taken, no additional actions are called for.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. When we act out of concern for the “other”, we honor our Lord’s command to love one another (John 13:34). This always involves sacrifice. By accepting our crosses on His behalf, we grow closer to Him, little by little.

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