



Nouvel Catholic Central Schools

Called by Christ to learn, love and lead... courageously.

February 8, 2023

Good afternoon, Nouvel Catholic Central Families -

Thank you all for your support of our students and staff as we continue to process yesterday's events. As shared in our communication yesterday, we wanted to provide the opportunity for students, parents and staff to come on campus this morning for any additional support we could provide. As early as 7 a.m. we welcomed several members of our school community and are grateful to the mental health professionals from Great Lakes Bay Health that were made available to support each and every one of them. We will work to continue to make support available into the future. We understand that everyone processes experiences differently and remain committed to supporting our community.

Wednesday, February 8

Regarding our previously scheduled events and activities for this evening, all scheduled events at the elementary, middle and high school will proceed as previously planned. All extracurricular events will proceed as scheduled. Nothing will be mandatory. Students are able to attend events if they choose to. There will be no penalty if students opt not to participate at this time. All coaches and other appropriate staff have been informed.

Thursday, February 9

School, at both campuses, will return in a traditional fashion beginning Thursday, February 9. We will be holding staff meetings in both buildings prior to student arrival to review our expectations for the day/remainder of the week. Staff have been provided with specific resources to support our students.

If parents/students do not feel comfortable returning to school yet, we support you in that decision. Please communicate any absences with the appropriate building in the traditional manner. We are here to support your child and our families while taking into consideration that not everyone responds the same way. Students unable to return to school at this time will be met with grace, love, and support to meet their academic needs, while first prioritizing their overall well-being. Students who are not in school will be provided an opportunity to complete any work that may be missed for full credit.

Morning announcements at both buildings will very intentionally address the support that is available to our students and where they can access support during the school day. We will also be addressing specific activities that are occurring throughout the day at each building related to supporting students and ensuring a safe school environment.

High school building:

Although there was some damage to the high school campus, the perimeter of the building is completely secure. Repair work on the exterior door by the gym entrance is still being completed, while the interior door by the gym entrance has been reconfigured to be locked and is secure. Students will be able to enter the school through the gym doors, and we will also have the door by the athletic entrance open if students are more comfortable with that entry point. I, along with other staff members, will be present at school entrances in the morning, greeting students as they enter.

We are currently planning to use our Theology classes as a venue for our students to process the events that occurred on Tuesday, February 7 in a structured, guided environment. Any student that would prefer not to be present during that class period will report to the designated support area.

Students and staff at Nouvel Catholic Central High School will gather from 1:15 to 1:25 pm to pray together for healing in our community and in thanksgiving for the response of the support team. We invite the Nouvel community to also pray for healing and in thanksgiving from wherever you find yourself between 1:15 and 1:25 pm. Fr. Adam also plans to be in the high school building during both lunches to talk and pray with students who need that support.

Elementary and middle school building:

Please share with your child/ren that we plan to have a law enforcement presence on our campus, especially in the morning. Officers will remain in the parking lot as students walk to the church and return back to school following Mass. As a friendly reminder of our ongoing safety precautions, the doors at St. Thomas Aquinas are locked, once all students and staff have entered for Mass.

Teachers and staff will check in and closely monitor students throughout the school day on Thursday and Friday morning, providing additional support as needed. As a reminder, Friday is a half day for our E/MS campus and Y5-8th grade students will be released at 11:30 a.m. Preschool and Montessori will dismiss at 11:00 a.m. PantherFest will continue as scheduled on Friday evening from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

We will continue to provide support and resources for our community as needed. There are also some resources attached that you may find helpful as we support one another.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to let me know. While we know that it will take some time for our community to heal, I am continually grateful for those who continue to offer prayers of support and encouragement to our students, families and staff.

Sincerely,

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