

March 25, 2021

Dear Grace Community,

I am writing today to announce that **Grace will move to five days of in-person learning beginning Monday, April 12.** We have been monitoring metrics in our area and feel prepared to make this next step based on the following:

1. Our large classrooms and building have allowed for good distancing and the ability to have distinct cohorts for each grade.
2. Our students have managed the protocols well, especially the wearing of masks throughout the day.
3. We have been doing assurance testing for three weeks and have had no positive results.
4. Luigi LaPietra and Melissa Lafionatis designed four different schedules including a fully in-person schedule - we will now turn to that for the spring!

Some reminders:

1. All students registered with Virant on Friday, April 9 at Grace between 8:00 and 10:00 am. If you are not testing at Grace, please provide us with results by Sunday, April 11. Testing should not take place before Wednesday, April 7.
2. We will be in fully remote learning mode the week of April 6 (Monday, April 5 is a holiday). Please refer to Seesaw and your teacher newsletter for updates on that schedule.

We are looking forward to these final months of school in person with our students. We hope that you will continue to keep us informed about any assistance or information we can provide to support your child's return to Grace. We will continue to offer remote learning to families who choose it for COVID-related reasons. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to me or to Noelle McHugh, nmchugh@geds.org.

I am also sending my very best wishes to all of you for a joyful Spring Break and Easter holiday. It has been such a challenging year for all of us. May this time offer us some much-needed rest and joy.

-Jen