



## Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons School

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Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Dear ND-BG Community,

Under the direction and consultation of both the Schenectady County Department of Health and the Albany Diocese Catholic Schools Office, Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons has made the decision to move all students to Remote Learning through the Christmas Recess. In-person instruction is slated to resume on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

The decision to close comes for two reasons: the first being that yesterday the County informed us that a member of the ND-BG school community had tested positive for COVID-19. Privacy laws restrict us from disclosing or confirming any personally identifiable information regarding anyone who has been tested. As a result of this positive test, the number of faculty requiring to quarantine has created a staffing shortage forcing us to temporarily move to remote learning. This situation has sadly become common among other schools both public and private throughout the Capital Region as COVID rates have risen.

Tomorrow, Thursday, December 17, 2021 however will be a snow day due to the possible impact of severe inclement weather on remote learning. We will resume remote learning on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> and continue through the Christmas Recess. Moving forward, the school administration will be making decisions regarding inclement weather events on a case-by-case basis.

On Friday December 18<sup>th</sup>, students will have the opportunity to obtain books or other materials that they may require for classes for next week. The building will be open from 7am – 11am Friday morning (please contact Custodian, Larry Laux, at 518-795-0175 to be let in). There will also be evening hours from 5pm – 7:30pm, no phone calls necessary. Individuals who are quarantining may not enter the building, however their parents may pick up their books.

Please note that this is a far different situation than we faced in March of 2020. This is a temporary move to remote learning. ND-BG remains committed to in-person instruction for our students and their families who have chosen this option and we look forward to returning on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

I would ask everyone to please pray for all those impacted by this pandemic and to work even harder to still find the joy in this blessed season of Advent.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mr. Jones'.

Mr. Jones  
Principal

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