



St. Mary's Academy Charter School

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Dear SMACS Families and Employees,

After the COVID surge in August, SMACS has only experienced a few positive cases each month and student attendance has been good; however, it has changed drastically this week. Today, we have 103 (25.9%) students out and many staff members. We cannot effectively teach our students when so many are out sick or remain home out of fear.

Closing school is a difficult decision to make, it disrupts parents work and means some students will be home alone; I sincerely apologize for this inconvenience. However, to mitigate the spread of this insidious virus I have made the difficult decision to close St. Mary's Academy Charter School next week. Monday is already a holiday so the student closure will be from Tuesday, January 18, 2022 through Friday, January 21, 2022.

I respectfully ask that all parents, students, and staff self-quarantine and not to mix with individuals outside of their households. In doing so, we have a good chance of breaking the chain of spreading this virus in our school and throughout the community. Please respect one another for the well-being of all. I also ask those who have not been vaccinated to consider receiving the vaccine.

Sincerely yours,

Stan Simonson

M. Stan Simonson, Superintendent SMACS

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