## Rams' Review



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## **Reopening 2020**

Dear ARCS Community,

Peace and all good! Happy July!

I hope this note finds you well and enjoying the blessings of the summer season!

Our "Reopening 2020" Planning Team met for the first time yesterday! This group of administrators, teachers, staff, and parents is excited to be part of the planning for welcoming our students and teachers back to school on September 8! The team brings a great deal of experience and expertise in education, health and safety, facilities and parenting, and they are excited to be a part of this important work!

It is our goal to have as many students as possible safely in school each day! To that end, the work of the team yesterday was to explore general health and safety guidelines and classroom capacity. We will continue this work next week, and then begin to look at some of the other areas of planning. In addition, we will be examining the many components of Catholic school education from the guidance that will be issued from the Office of Catholic Schools in terms of Catholic identity, in-school learning and remote learning. We will also be examining the results from the Office of Catholic Schools survey that was sent to parents.

We value your input and have established a separate email for you to share ideas and concerns with the planning team for the 2020-2021 School Year: Reopening2020@arcsgalloway.org. While we will not be answering these emails directly, what is received will be shared at the planning team meetings for discussion and for making decisions!

These COVID-19 days continue to be challenging, and I fully recognize that families need to make decisions that are best for their children. ARCS is committed to offering a vibrant, faith-based in-school program for our students for the 2020-2021 School Year. Through the Principal Planning Team and the Office of Catholic Schools, there are other factors being considered for remote learning.

If your family has been impacted financially by COVID, please let me know. We are working hard to meet the needs of our families!

Please be assured of my continued prayer for you and for your children, and I ask for your prayer and support as we plan for *Reopening 2020!* 

Blessings,

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