



*Office of the President*

May 24, 2020

Dear Cheverus Community,

I want to share that we have made the difficult decision to **cancel our summer camp programs, including our multi-sport day camp, Camp Cheverus, and our boys and girls Cheverus Basketball Camps.** Before making this extremely difficult decision, we considered the advice of the CDC, Governor Mills, and the Maine Department of Education's specific guidelines regarding summer camps. I know this is difficult news to hear, as these camps are a source of great joy for campers and for our students who work at them.

Given the nature of our camps, our use of multiple facilities and shared equipment, and the current guidance on group gathering sizes and physical distancing, we simply cannot provide the same camp experience our campers and families have come to expect. The safety of our campers, the many students that work at these camps, as well as our camp administrators is paramount. While we have had to cancel the 2020 summer camp season, we plan to be back in the summer of 2021!

In addition, we want you to know that our Athletic Department is planning some free sports clinics throughout the coming 2020/2021 school year. These free clinics will include basketball as well as other sports. We will share information about these free opportunities with our camp families as soon as the details are finalized.

If you have already secured a spot at any of these camps, you will be contacted within the next few days by our Camp Director, Ms. Reid or Director of Athletics and Activities, Mrs. Ashley with details about receiving a full refund.

Students who work at these summer camps will be contacted by Mrs. Ashley or Ms. Reid about many work opportunities during the 2020/2021 school year.

As we close out the tenth week of remote learning, we are all acutely aware of the changes that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on our everyday life. We know for many of you, the cancellation of our summer program is another plan to reimagine. This is not easy. Please know that we have made this decision to protect the health and safety of all of our community members.

For Cheverus,

Fr. Robert J. Pecoraro, S.J.

President