



# ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

*Office of Catholic Schools*

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Dear Catholic Elementary School Parents and Guardians,

We are now several days into the 2021/22 school year. I am grateful for your continued support as we educate our Catholic school students amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

As previously announced, we are pleased to resume athletics at the elementary level this school year. Principals and Athletic Directors have been provided with a specific set of protocols to guide students, parents, and coaches through safe athletics play. These protocols include (but are not limited to):

- Masks are required for all individuals (students and coaches) during indoor play except during vigorous physical activity. Masks are optional during outdoor activities.
- Social distancing should be maintained when students are stationary (such as sitting on the bench) and when practical during play.
- Spectators must be socially distant. Masks are required of all spectators during indoor play.
- Concessions (i.e. food items) will not be sold during sports events.
- Any/all cases of COVID exposure or infection must be reported immediately. If you become aware of such a case, please contact your school principal as soon as possible.

Our plan calls for athletics to begin with boys and girls soccer. Conditioning may begin in early September with tryouts by mid-month. Other sports will follow later in the year. Schools may also opt, at the principal's discretion, for an intermural program in which students from the same school compete with one another (vs. competing against other schools).

Your school will be communicating more information about your specific program in the near future. Thank you for your support as we ensure a safe and successful athletics season for our elementary students.

Yours in Christ,

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