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Satori School Update ~ December 29, 2020

Dear Satori Students and Families,

I hope this email finds you well and enjoying your time with whoever is in your holiday bubble. With COVID-19 numbers going up I wanted to update you on our plan to return after the new year. I have been on the phone directly with the PCHD (Pima County Health Department) and asked very specific questions about determining factors on whether we should open on January 4th or stay remote for a couple of weeks. **After talking with the staff and administration and looking at all situations, I feel it is best to open as planned on January 4th with the following exceptions: considering the jump in cases with students starting in 5th grade, we are going to have 5th-8th grade stay remote until January 19th. Also, if you have traveled or been around more than 10 people unmasked over the holidays and have indicated that you would like to return to hybrid learning, please stay home for two weeks after your return home or from group gatherings before coming back in person.**

Here is the plan in simple terms:

- Preschool will begin on Monday, January 4th as planned. The same drop-off and pick-up routine as Fall Semester.
- K/1 will begin on Monday, January 4th as planned. The same drop-off and pick-up routine as Fall Semester.
- 2nd-4th grade will begin on Monday, January 4th as planned. The same drop-off and pick-up routine as Fall Semester.
- 5th-8th grade will go remote until Tuesday, January 19th (Monday is a holiday)
- If you and your family traveled over the winter break and you are planning on coming to school in person, you need to join remotely at home for 2 weeks from when you get back into town before returning to in-person instruction.
- If you and your family got together with more than 10 people total, you need to join remotely at home for 2 weeks from when you had your get together before returning to in-person instruction.

On a positive note, we are getting closer and closer to being able to have everyone back a school where they belong. Educators are slotted with the 1B group and are looking at getting vaccinated sometime in late February or early March.

I hope you were able to enjoy your holiday and are staying healthy. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

See you all one way or another in January,

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