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I hope that this letter finds you and your family well. The last two months have been unlike anything that any of us could have expected. I want to thank our parents, our students, and our teachers for working together during this incredibly difficult time. It often takes our greatest challenges to reveal our strength, and this is clearly true of the Vanderbilt community. We have certainly demonstrated our motto, Terriers Together.

Following Governor Edwards' announcement that the state would begin "Phase 1" of reopening, Vanderbilt Catholic will open our administrative offices on Tuesday, May 19th. Teachers will continue to conduct classes through Distance Learning until Thursday, May 21st. Moving forward the office will be open under our summer schedule of Monday – Thursday from 8am to 1pm. We will, however, be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

When students and teachers went home on March 13th we had no way of knowing that it would be our last day on campus together. Many students left items in their lockers, classrooms, locker rooms, etc... Also, many students have books, iPads, uniforms, or other items that belong to the school and need to be returned. In order to facilitate the pick-up and drop off of items we will utilize Sign Up Genius – you will receive an email from Mrs. Pellegrin with links and updated information later this week. There will be separate sign-ups for the following: PE Locker Rooms and Athletic Facilities, Classrooms and School Lockers, Library and Technology, and Band. If you have a student or students that need to utilize multiple locations, you will need to sign up separately for each one. For example, if your student left a coat in their school locker and a pair of tennis shoes in the band hall, you will need to create a separate appointment for each location. We realize that this may necessitate multiple trips for a family, but it allows us to be efficient with our staff and is ultimately safer for all involved. Students who need to pay fees or have something signed may use the front office, no appointment necessary. Student-Athletes who need to return uniforms should receive a Remind message from their coaches this week with available dates and times to return uniforms.

While we are excited to get back on campus, we must also be cautious about how we conduct our business. For our safety and yours we ask the following: anyone who comes on campus wear a mask, practice safe social distancing, only visit the area you signed up for, and please refrain from visiting campus if you are ill. We will have additional masks and hand sanitizer available, but we ask that you bring your own mask if at all possible. Additionally, the facility will be sanitized routinely by our maintenance staff.

I realize that masks, hand sanitizer, and multiple appointments are not necessarily the most "convenient" way to do business. For now, this is our "new normal", we have to protect you and ourselves.

Terriers Together!
Jeremy Gueldner, Principal