



Cardinal Mooney High School CMHS



We are working toward opening in August

Dear Cardinal Mooney Family:

What we're doing

The Mooney leadership and planning committee continue to have vigorous dialogue as we continue to plan for reopening this coming August.

We're basing our plans on the many lessons we learned in the past months and on a daily tracking of government research and guidelines. While my intention is to open school on our regular schedule this coming fall, the school is committed to following the directives of state, local, and national authorities.

I've reached out to several health professionals in our community to advise me. On Tuesday, Erin Bishop, Health Commissioner and Local Registrar of the Youngstown City Health District, will join our planning.

Through all of this, our primary objective continues to be to deliver an exceptional Catholic and Cardinal Mooney education while ensuring the safety and health of our community.

What will school look like in the fall? Will distance learning continue?

We plan to provide students with robust opportunities for in-person instruction and learning, but until an effective vaccine is widely available, we also anticipate the need to be flexible, so we are also preparing for some form of distance learning.

Upgrading our technology and infrastructure is important in this endeavor. We're adding more access points in the building and will issue a Chromebook to every student, along with additional training to all faculty and staff.

Last semester, the dramatic shift to distance learning taught us a lot. I want to share this observation with you. Moving to on-line, distance learning required more engagement, more planning, and more collaboration. While many may question the investment in this type of learning platform, I continue to see return on that investment in the areas I mentioned. Our faculty embraced the need to be more collaborative, more engaged with integrating their content with delivery systems, and more focused on their students. They will continue to participate in significant professional development in distance learning strategies and methods from outstanding resources provided by the Diocese, institutions of higher education, and beyond.

Are we expecting any changes to the school calendar or the daily schedule?

At this time the only changes to the calendar will be to include additional orientation days. We want each class to spend some time together back in the building so we can hear how they are doing in the face of all they have been through since March. We also want to spend more time with each class, orienting them to how we may have to operate based on final guidelines in these areas: technology and its roles in our school day, masks, social distancing, washing of hands, responses to COVID, hall traffic, athletics — and equally important — their role in assisting us in ensuring a safe and healthy school environment.

Assuming in-person classes continue, will there be a fall sports season? Retreats? Masses? Co-curricular activities? Service program?

Since Cardinal Mooney is a member of the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA), our athletic programs are governed by its regulations and policies. We expect that the OHSAA will make a decision about the fall season congruent with the State of Ohio guidelines and directives. To date, we continue to work through its phased in athletic activity program.

As we wait for final guidelines, we continue to study how to include important spiritual and co-curricular activities in the life of our community. We know how essential these are for the vitality of Mooney.

How will Cardinal Mooney help students build a sense of community, especially in the absence of in-person classes?

Dr. Beiting has been advocating for strengthening student engagement since her arrival. In response, we want to form a special committee of teachers and students to meet throughout the coming weeks to plan ways to build community and strengthen student leadership.

When will Mooney announce the final plan for the fall?

We will make an announcement as soon as the State of Ohio and local health officials finalize their directives.

If Mooney holds in-person classes this fall, how will it keep the student body safe?

We will follow all directives from the State of Ohio and the CDC regarding the safe and healthy assembly of students.

Assuming that in-person classes occur this fall, what is Mooney's plan for social distancing, keeping the facilities clean, and providing resources for student hygiene?

The CDC has released guidance regarding reopening of schools, workplaces, and public spaces. While this guidance may be updated throughout the summer, we expect topics addressed will include the wearing of masks by faculty, staff, students, and visitors. We will implement social distancing measures throughout the school, including halls, classrooms, cafeteria, and all places groups will gather.

I am implementing a comprehensive process to regularly disinfect and clean our facilities. We will install additional hand-washing stations, and have signage to remind all who enter our campus.

What role can parents play in ensuring Cardinal Mooney staff and students are safe and healthy?

Parents most certainly play an important role. Please ensure that your student is healthy to return to school in the fall and each day. If they become ill please notify faculty. Practice CDC guidelines within the home as possible. Let school know of anything you may need to protect your student and family. If there are specific health concerns you have about your son or daughter returning to school, please notify Dr. Beiting so we can make appropriate plans with you.

How will you ensure that lunch service is safe?

We have contracted with AVI to provide lunch next school year. We can accommodate social distancing at lunch in the cafeteria. AVI has industry standards it follows, including CDC requirements, to maximize the safety, health, and nutrition of our students. This includes preparing box lunches for students to eat at a safe distance. We will update you on their program, including making boxed breakfast available to all students.

What if I am unable to make a tuition payment(s) due to circumstances brought on by the pandemic?

We are aware that families will face new financial challenges as a result of this pandemic. Job loss and other economic effects will limit the ability of some families to meet their tuition obligations. We never want to lose any student for reasons of financial hardship, and we are committed to retain every enrolled student. If the current crisis has created new challenges for you, please be assured that we will consider carefully any request for additional tuition assistance. We will create a confidential Google form for those finding it necessary to make such requests.

The most important and necessary step in this process is your timely and transparent communication, which will allow us to best serve you. As always, we will treat matters confidentially. Please also let us know if you have concerns about providing adequate internet access in your home for your student.

We anticipate that Cardinal Mooney will be required to stretch limited resources, and I am confident that there is more than enough generosity and compassion with the Mooney community to sustain our mission and assist those in need in this time of uncertainty.

An important final note related to the spiritual and mental health needs of our student

We are planning to support the spiritual and mental health needs of the Mooney community.

We are confident that celebrating Mass with social distancing is possible. **Mrs. Trewella** will provide resources for continuing spiritual development and service opportunities.

Mrs. Ruth Mastriana, Cardinal Mooney's clinical social worker, will provide resources for both parents and current students.

Our counselor, **Mrs. Dena O'Neill** will have resources for students.

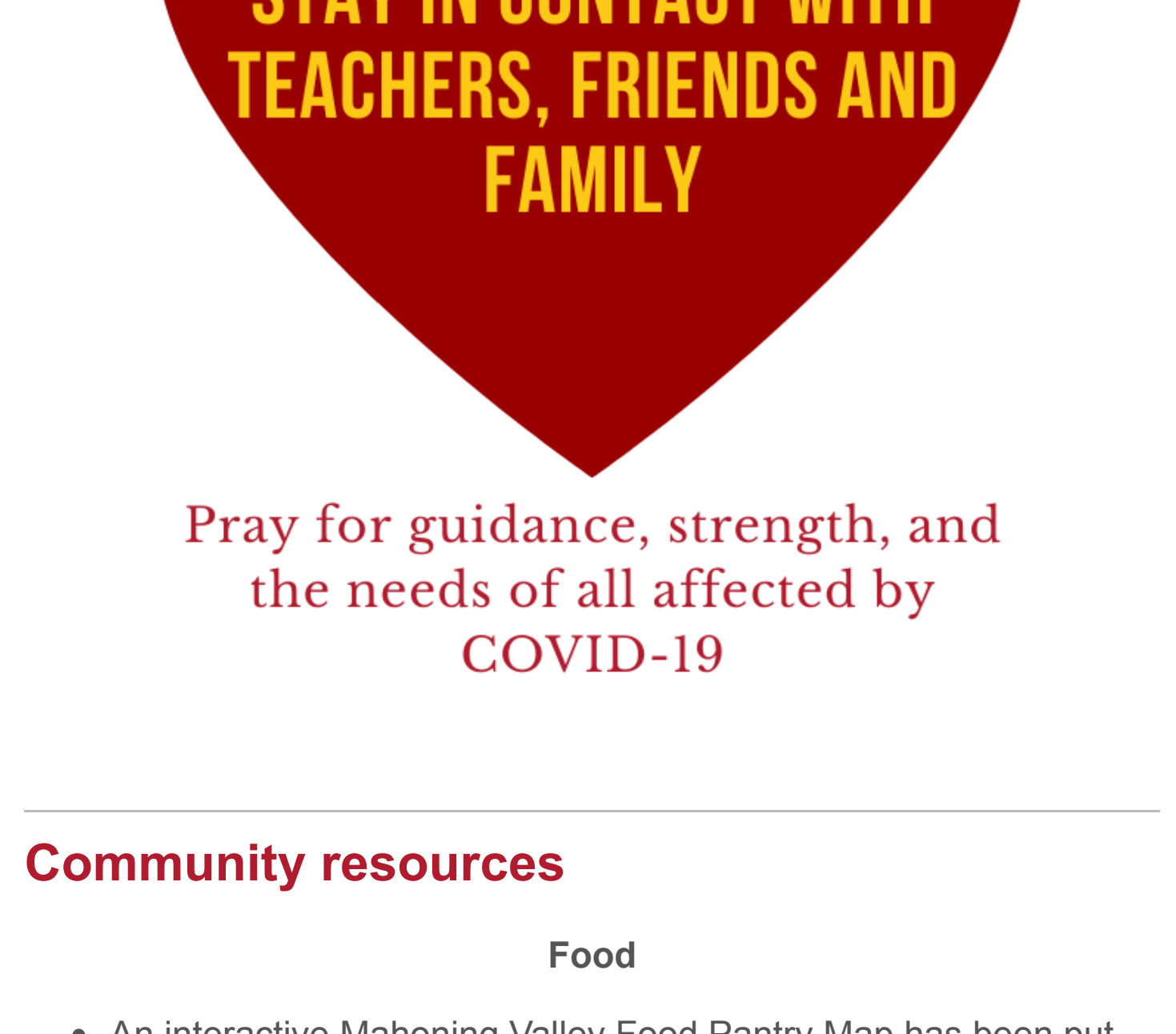
We are in the process of adding an additional counselor.

I continue to pray for those in our community serving on the front lines and all those affected by this illness.

The Mooney family is our greatest asset as we work together to build the future for each student in 2020-2021, and together we will succeed.

Sincerely,

Thomas Maj, President



Academic update

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

We have a few academic updates to share with you this week.

- We thank Mrs. Calko for her service this year as Assistant Principal at Cardinal Mooney High School. We appreciate her hard work in the many ways she served students, families, and teachers. We wish her well in her move to Dayton for a new job and home.
- Please note that the school office will be **closed this week on July 1-3 as we celebrate July 4th**. We hope you have a wonderful and safe holiday celebration! Please note that there will be **no bulletin on July 5** due to the holiday weekend.
- PHASE 3 of the OHSAA guidelines** can begin on Monday, June 29 for those who have completed the first two phases. A list of guidelines for all three phases can be found [here](#).
- The EdChoice Traditional scholarship** application process will reopen on July 1. If you missed the first round of the process, please contact Mrs. Kalasky at pkalasky@youngstowndiocese.org so we can get your information submitted as soon as possible. As of today, we do not have any news about when the EdChoice Expansion scholarship program will reopen.
- If you have any questions about starting a required credit recovery course in order to be eligible to return to Cardinal Mooney High School for next school year, please contact me at mbeiting@youngstowndiocese.org.
- If you have been contacted by email or through a phone call that a **change is needed in your original course selection**, please be sure to get back to Mrs. O'Neill as soon as possible so that the correct information is entered regarding your schedule next year.
- We remind the **seniors** who just graduated to send the **form** to Mrs. O'Neill or Mrs. Kalasky so that your final transcript can be sent to the school you plan to attend next year. Please be sure to contact the business office if you have been notified that a balance is still due before we can release the transcript.
- Student athletes will need to have an **updated physical** to play sports. Be sure to use the updated OHSAA forms for the physical found at [this link](#).
- If you know of families interested in attending CMHS, please encourage them to contact Mrs. Kalasky or Dr. Beiting, or to apply online. We are open for tours and are glad to answer any questions families might have.

Have a blessed and safe week!

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Beiting, Ed.D.
Principal

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School notes

Tennis Team: If any girl is interested in playing tennis this fall, please contact Jennifer Policy at jpolicy@youngstowndiocese.org.

Seniors: please see [this link](#) to the google form. In order to have your final official transcript sent to the college/university you are attending, you must fill out this form. All colleges / universities require a final official transcript. Mrs. O'Neill has also posted this on her google classroom.

Registration packet: If you have not yet returned your registration information, please email it to mbeiting@youngstowndiocese.org or mail it to the school. We want to be sure to include each of the students. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Beiting, or Mrs. O'Neill. If you need new forms or did not receive the original packet, please email Mrs. Kalasky at pkalasky@youngstowndiocese.org

As we work to prepare for the 2020-2021 school year, we realize that uncertainties remain about whether COVID-19 will impact how the year begins. At this time of year we lay the groundwork for scheduling teachers and students. The more we can include each student's requests in the scheduling process, the better schedule we can develop. We know that the strength of the Mooney family will sustain us and continue to be strong as we look forward to next school year.

Yearbooks for freshmen, sophomores and juniors are now on sale. Seniors get their yearbook as part of the senior fee. Just go to <http://www.jostensyearbooks.com/> to order.

**STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY
STAY IN CONTACT WITH
TEACHERS, FRIENDS AND
FAMILY**

**Pray for guidance, strength, and
the needs of all affected by
COVID-19**

Community resources

- Food**
 - An interactive Mahoning Valley Food Pantry Map has been put online by the Raymond John Wean Foundation, the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley, and the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments. Also, follow [this link](#) for further information.
- Legal Services**
 - Community Legal Aid — Ask a lawyer live on Facebook Wednesdays at 5 p.m. on their website, www.facebook.com/commlegalaid. You can attend any of their free events on the website.
- Jobs**
 - The State of Ohio is currently hiring. Apply at Ohio.gov.
 - Ohio Dept. of Health is hiring temporary contact tracers for the COVID-19 virus. The work is from home. Apply [here](#).
- Transportation**
 - WRTA Bus fixed routes are extended. Late Nite Services are included. Rides continue to be free. All must wear a mask.
- Diapers**
 - MyCap Emergency Diaper Bank — Mondays 10 a.m. -5:30 p.m. You must call 330-747-7921 ext. 1725 to schedule
- Mental Health**
 - Compass Sojourner House is open for anyone in need of emergency shelter due to domestic violence, 330-747-4040.
 - Compass Support Line — Free, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 330-531-7499.
 - Help Network — Food pantries and referral information, 330-747-2696.
 - Neil Kennedy Recovery Clinic, 330-744-1181.
 - Alta Behavioral Health, 330-793-2487.
 - Meridian Healthcare, 330-747-2696.
 - Catholic Charities, 330-744-3320.
 - These agencies are open for new and continuing clients. They offer Telemed services for the appointments.
 - Please contact the COVID care line at 1-800-720-9616 if you are struggling.
- Courses**
 - Eastern Gateway is offering free IT certification courses for displaced workers. Email [here](#) or call 740-266-9910 for information.

If you have any other concerns, please call the school at (330) 788-5007, and ask for Lori Radinsky.

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