



From the Office of the President

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A Return to Normalcy

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Dear Colleagues,

Interestingly, the word “normalcy” was mostly a mathematics term until a hundred years ago, after World War I and the Spanish Flu pandemic, when Warren G. Harding campaigned for U.S. President – and won – on the campaign platform for a “Return to Normalcy.” After the cyber event and the COVID-19 pandemic, I am more than ready to get on the return-to-normalcy bandwagon.

I am very pleased to announce that a return to normalcy is, indeed, in store for Regis University. In addition to keeping with our published commencement dates for Spring 2021, for Fall 2021 we fully plan to return to a normal academic schedule for our traditional students. This means a welcome back to Fall Break in October, a traditional Thanksgiving Break in November, followed by in-person exams in December. And we are reinstating Spring Break in February 2022. I know these breaks are coveted by faculty and students alike and provide a much-needed respite.

We will host Orientation from August 19 to 22, and classes will begin on August 23. Following our Christmas and Winter Break, traditional classes will resume on January 10, 2022.

This does not mean we are out of the woods when it comes to COVID-19. We must remain vigilant and respectful in our social distancing and wearing masks. We must keep new cases and hospitalizations trending downward. We must remain optimistic that 70% or better of the U.S. population is fully vaccinated by summer.

For those who are wary of getting in line for the vaccine, I received my second Pfizer vaccination last week.

"Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less." – Marie Curie, Physicist



Gratefully,

Rev. John P. Fitzgibbons, S.J.
President