



# THE JOHN CARROLL SCHOOL

## Transcript of President DiBiagio's Announcement on the Expansion of In-Person Learning

**January 12, 2021**

Hello, parents and John Carroll families.

Welcome to 2021. This will be better than 2020, I guarantee it. And while the pandemic is still here, we're moving forward.

Since the beginning of this situation, we said our school decisions would be evidence-based. That evidence is now weighing in support of expanding in person learning for The John Carroll School. I'm pleased to report that The John Carroll School will offer in-person learning through the end of the academic year. Our campus is open, and it will remain so unless otherwise directed by the State or the local health department, or should we experience an outbreak on campus. An outbreak is defined as three or more classrooms or cohorts with cases among students, teachers and staff from different households, all within a 14-day period. Further, effective the week of January 25th, John Carroll will expand our in-person learning capacity to 50%. This means students will be able to be on campus for classes 2 days a week.

As we move ahead, I want to reassure you that, whatever we do, the health of your children and our faculty and staff is paramount and supersedes all other considerations. We are moving forward with in-person learning by being honest about the risk posed by COVID-19 and taking the necessary steps to mitigate and manage those risks. While we see spread in the community, we've experienced minimal on-campus transmission. Our protocol is working because our vigilance is exceptional and our compliance with CDC guidelines is consistent. We're back at school because schools are important, and our children need to be here. It's time to move forward and welcome our students back to their John Carroll campus. Thank you for your partnership. Have a strong 2021.