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NEWS RELEASE

Father Duenas cleared to resume classes on Tuesday with exception of some members; Other Catholic schools to begin classes this week

Superintendent of Catholic Education, Juan Flores announces that Department of Public Health and Social Services has cleared Father Dueñas Memorial School to resume on-site classes this week with the exception of one set of school members. FD will resume classes Tues., Aug. 11.

Father Duenas began Schoolyear 2020-21 on Monday Aug. 3 but closed its facility on Aug. 5 and shifted to remote instructions after Public Health had notified the Archdiocese of Agaña that a member of the school community had tested positive for COVID-19.

After investigating and conducting contact tracing, Public Health officials advised the Archdiocese that Father Duenas can resume on-site classes this week. An exception is a group of students or adults who may have had direct, prolonged contact and exposure with the individual who tested positive. Those members will be required to quarantine themselves at home for the next 14 days. Principal Ismael Perez will notify the individuals.

FDMS will continue one more day of distance learning on Monday to allow for faculty and staff to meet to review the protocols it has in place before resuming on-site classes on Tuesday.

The school administration and staff have conducted additional, extensive cleaning and sanitization of the school this week and will resume precautionary measures such as distancing requirements and use of hand sanitizers and masks by all members.

Eleven more Catholic schools to start classes this coming week

Eleven more Archdiocesan schools will begin Schoolyear 2020-21 this week as scheduled.

All schools have sanitized their sites thoroughly and ensure parents, students and families that they have stringent health precautionary protocols in place to protect against COVID-19. Parents or guardians who may have reservations about returning their children to school can call their respective schools regarding temporary accommodations which may be provided.

Eight schools will open their doors to students on Monday, Aug. 10. They are: Academy of Our Lady of Guam (Group A students on-campus. Group B, students virtual); Bishop Baumgartner Memorial School; Santa Barbara Catholic School (Pre-K to 3rd grade

students); Saint Francis Catholic School; San Vicente Catholic School; Mercy Heights Nursery and Kinder; Dominican Child Development Center; and Infant of Prague Nursery & Kinder.

St. Anthony Catholic School will open its doors on Aug. 11 for Kinder to 4th grade students and Aug. 17 for 5th to 8th graders. Mount Carmel School welcomes all students on August 11. Santa Barbara welcomes its second set of students, 4th to 8th graders on Aug. 12.

Notre Dame High School welcomes 9th and 10th graders on Monday, Aug. 17 and the next day, Aug. 18, greets 11th and 12th graders. Dominican Catholic School opened last Wednesday, Aug. 5 and continues classes.

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

Academy of Our Lady, Hagatna

Aug. 10 -- Group A students (on-campus); Group B (virtual)

Aug. 11 – Group A students (virtual); Group B (on-campus)

Notre Dame High School, Talofoto

Aug. 17 – 9th and 10th grade; Aug. 18 – 11th and 12th grade

Bishop Baumgartner Memorial, Sinajana

Aug. 10

Mount Carmel School, Agat

Aug. 11

Saint Anthony Catholic School, Tamuning

Aug. 11 – Kinder to 4th grade; Aug. 17 – 5th to 8th grade

Santa Barbara Catholic School, Dededo

Aug. 10 – PreK to 3rd grade; Aug. 12 – 4th to 8th grade

Saint Francis Catholic School, Yona

Aug. 10

San Vicente Catholic School, Barrigada

Aug. 10

Mercy Heights Nursery & Kinder, Oka

Aug. 10

Dominican Child Development Center, Ordot

Aug. 10

Infant of Prague Nursery & Kinder, Tai

Aug. 10

Father Duenas Memorial School, Tai

Began classes Aug. 3. School facility closed on Aug. 5, classes shifted to remote instructions due to one positive case of COVID-19. FD is cleared to resume classes Tuesday, Aug. 11 with exception of some members.

Dominican Catholic School, Yigo

Began classes Aug. 5, continues this week.

Parents and guardians, pls. call your respective schools for more information. Juan Flores, Superintendent of Catholic Education can be reached at 735-4240 or superintendent@archagana.org.