



## MEMO

**To:** Principals

**From:** Kendra McGuire, Superintendent of Schools

**Re:** Miscellaneous School Activities

**Date:** October 19, 2020

The following school activities have been reviewed by the Diocesan Task Force. School principals must follow the guidance below when planning these activities.

### Sports Banquets/End of Season Celebrations

At this time, end-of-season sports gatherings may not be held. These celebrations are considered non-essential and should be postponed until later in the year. A virtual celebration is acceptable if a school would like to host the event now instead of postponing.

### Retreats

Due to the essential nature of retreats for the faith life of students, in-school retreats may be planned and held using the following guidelines:

- Retreat participants are limited to students at the same grade level within the same school.
- The retreat activities require masking and social distancing of 6 feet and must follow all the requirements in the Return to School document.
- The retreat leaders should be the school staff and/or the parish priests.
- Outside retreat teams with multiple leaders may not be used at this time.

### National Honor Society

National Honor Society induction ceremonies have been deemed essential to the academic program. The following guidelines must be followed by schools when planning a NHS induction ceremony:

- Only the student being inducted and up to two guests are permitted to attend.
- The ceremony must be held in a space where attendees can maintain 6 feet distancing.
- Masks are required for all attendees.
- The school may not serve food or host a reception.
- Once the ceremony is concluded, the attendees must leave the facility and avoid congregating.