

## Principal's Coffee Hour Notes for November 13, 2020

The boys' and girls' cross-country teams did extremely well this season

On November 6, the Governor made an announcement about revising the stoplight numbers for schools to include population indicators (these are guidelines and not requirements for how to approach learning models)

PVCICS will stay remote for the Fall semester

The health task force meets every week on Mondays

Kathy pays attention to what other local districts are doing (Chicopee is remote, Frontier is remote, Springfield is staying remote, etc.)

There is considerable stress in other districts with opening and closing

Other school districts are seeing more families opt for homeschooling but PVCICS' enrollment has been good

PVCICS has a large region of service and looks at the sending districts and home districts of teachers and staff

PVCICS does not have enough substitute teachers to operate if too many teachers and staff are out

Need to take into account cold/flu season and holiday travel

Many foundational preparations to re-open the school were made in the summer

Only 50% of people would be able to fit in the building in order to follow distancing recommendations

Any changes have to be funded by the regular operational budget

Working to improve the internet at school is costly and takes time

The school needs time to develop technology strategies for different scenarios (some students remote and some in person, multiple cameras and screens, etc.)

Social emotional assessments were given to students up to grade 10 this semester

Some grades are doing meet-ups on their own (not organized by the FA or the school)

The middle and high school has clubs that are meeting virtually

It is taking more time for teachers and staff to be able to respond to emails with all the time they are online

Please be patient and follow-up if you have not received timely responses