John Bapst 1928

Parent/Guardian/Student Informed Consent Acknowledgment Relating to COVID-19

In preparation for the 2020-21 school year, John Bapst Memorial High School ("John Bapst"), with guidance from several governing bodies including but not limited to the Maine Principals' Association (MPA), the Maine Center for Disease Control (Maine CDC), and the Maine Department of Education, is putting in place preventive measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The school believes that access to athletics, performing arts, and other co-curricular programs is essential to student education, growth, and development. However, John Bapst cannot guarantee that students, parents, staff, and others will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending John Bapst-sponsored activities has the potential to increase the risk of contracting COVID-19.

Taking into account the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, John Bapst remains committed to providing a safe environment for students, staff, and others with whom they come into contact and is taking informed, reasonable, and common-sense measures to minimize the risk of spreading coronavirus, consistent with published guidelines. Notwithstanding these good-faith efforts that the school undertakes to minimize and mitigate the risks related to Covid-19, the chance that the virus could be introduced to the school population is still with us, particularly given the determination by health experts that community spread of coronavirus has occurred in the United States and in Maine.

By signing this agreement, the undersigned parent or other legal guardian of the student whose name appears below acknowledges the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assumes the risk of exposure and/or infection to the student that may occur through John Bapst-sponsored programs and activities. Note that if the student is 18 years of age or will turn 18 during the 2020-21 school year, the student's signature is also required.

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Print Student Name Grade in 2020-21 Student Signature if Required (Over 18)

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Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

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Print Name of Parent/Guardian