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Principal's Newsletter, Edition II
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Dear Parents,

As we are quickly approaching the start of school, I want to remind you to please attentively review these newsletters as they are providing you with pertinent information that will hopefully answer your questions to help ease our start back to school. As a review, all students are required to wear a mask while on our campus. Our teachers will be scheduling mask breaks to relieve the students of their mask in a controlled setting. Additionally, all classrooms have been conscientiously setup to provide each child and staff member with a 6x6 workspace.

Next week, our teachers return back to school for three days of professional development that include the following topics: COVID-19 Safety training, Social and Emotional Learning, Trauma Informed Instruction, Technology training, and much more. The Archdiocese of New York and St. Patrick's School have been vigorously preparing for our teacher's arrival next week and our student arrival on September 8th and/or 9th.

Mrs. Fitzmorris (our school nurse) has been named our COVID Coordinator for our campus. Please direct COVID questions directly to her at mfitzmorris@stpatricksschoolyorktown.org. The Archdiocese of New York has also hired a COVID Coordinator that Mrs. Fitzmorris and I will report to in the event of a symptomatic student or staff member. From there, we are required to report the event based on the direction of the Archdiocese COVID Coordinator and the NYSDOH.

On a totally different note, please take a few minutes to view our Staff welcome movie created by our technology teacher, Mrs. Vepucci. We are thrilled to be welcoming our students back to campus in a little over a week. I hope you enjoy the movie.

God bless you and your families,
Ms. Steck

[St. Patrick's Welcome Bitmoji Movie](#)

First days of School

September 8th for all five-day in person students and any "A"/WHITE group students (hybrid plan)

September 9th for any "B"/GREEN group students (hybrid plan)

PreK- 8:15-2:20

Kindergarten-8th Grade- 7:50-2:40

Grade based plans

PreK-5th Grade- Five full days in person or hybrid or remote

6-8th Grade- Hybrid or remote

It is required and absolutely critical that your choice in the survey is the method in which your child participates in September. Although, as we mentioned before, any student who elected to participate in in-person or hybrid learning may always opt for the online option. Please communicate this change with your child's teacher and Mrs. Sanjurjo. *Additionally, we **MAY** be able to accommodate a change of a remote student attending in person at the end of the first quarter **IF** there is a safe physical place for the student.*

All parents of hybrid students will be receiving an email today from the school.

Opening plans continued from *Catholic Schools Opening Plan*

Daily minimum requirements-

All students will have their temperature taken before exiting their parent/guardian's vehicle at drop-off. All bus riders will have their temperature taken immediately upon exiting the bus, one at a time. All students are required to wear masks with the exception of any student with a medical exemption. Please see the manual for further explanation on our day-to-day operations including our management of any symptomatic students and staff.

Classroom setup-

All classrooms are equipped with desks or tables that are 6x6 feet apart, a SmartBoard, and the necessary technology for teachers to live stream/Zoom their classes. All classrooms have a sanitation station. Classrooms will be sanitized periodically throughout the school day and upon dismissal by a third party vendor.

Building setup-

PreK 3- Room #5, Building A

PreK 4- Room #6, Building A

Kindergarten- former aftercare room in Family Education Center

1st Grade- Room #2, Building A

2nd Grade- former cafeteria in Family Education Center

3rd Grade- Room #3 Building A

4th Grade- Room #109, Family Education Center

5th Grade- Room #108, Family Education Center

6th Grade- Room #12, Building B

7th Grade- Room #13, Building B

8th Grade- Gym

Health Floor (Guardian Angel Rooms, Mrs. Fitzmorris' office)- Building B, lower floor

Remote Learning Explained

All students who will be participating in remote learning will be engaging in a full day of school schedule. In other words, our students who are at home will be experiencing the schedule of a student of who is in school. Therefore, our online students should be prepared to start school at 8:00 and will finish their school day around 2:20. There will be scheduled breaks throughout the day and of course a lunch break as well. All online students must be in uniform.

Health and Safety Aides

We have hired 4 health and safety aides that will help monitor student social distancing, take temperatures upon arrival, help escort students to the Health Floor, monitor student bathroom usage (ex: will ask the student if they washed their hands upon exiting the bathroom), lunch duties, etc.. Each building will have an aide present throughout the school day.

Recent Travel?

Any student who has traveled outside of New York State into one of the restricted states listed in the link below must quarantine for 14 days prior to returning to school. Please call us if you have any questions.

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>

IRIS Alert

IRIS is our emergency and urgent communication system. Schools use this system differently. Here at St. Pats, we use the system for any critical information. We do not use this for information of low priority. ***We will be TESTING our system Friday, August 28th around 3pm.*** If you do not received an IRIS alert around this time, please let us know immediately.

Calendar

Please see the proposed calendar on our website. We may have additions throughout the school year. We will communicate those changes through email and our website.

Immunizations/Physicals

Before the first day of school we must have a copy of the Immunization Report and the latest physical for each student. Please email, fax, or drop those important documents off to the office as soon as possible.

School Supplies

Please check our website for the supply lists. You can find this information under the "school updates" tab. Please note that we do not expect the student(s) to be able to carry all requested items to school on the first day. Please prepare your child with the most important items the first few days of school.

Lunch Program

Our lunch program will begin on September 28th. Our form will be sent out in September. For our returning families from the 2019-2020 school year, there is a 3 month credit on your account that will be applied in October. More information to follow.

Nut Sensitive School

Please do not send any nut items into the school at any time. More information will follow from our nurse, Mrs. Fitzmorris.

Before care/After care

Unfortunately at this time we are unable to offer before care/after care. We will be opening these services during Stage 2 of our reopening process. We understand that this is a critical part of your day and will be ready to go as soon as we get the green light. Also, we are unable to offer before care and after care for essential workers in advance.

Uniforms

The fall uniform will be required for any student who is participating in school whether in the building or at home. The gym uniform is currently optional as our gym classes are proceeding as health courses until further notice. Your child may wear their gym uniform on their assigned gym day if they choose to.

Special Services- 504/Individualized Education Plans (IEP's)

If applicable, all IEP or 504 plans MUST be sent to Yorktown School District by August 31st or your child will NOT receive services this school year. Please call us here in our office if you need additional guidance on this. Additionally, all services will begin the week of September 14th.

Medication Drop-Off

Please drop-off any student medications to Mrs. Fitzmorris on September 1st and 2nd between 8-11am. All paperwork must be labeled and in a plastic bag.

Bottled Water

Per the Catholic Schools Reopening plan, all water fountains are currently off-limits for student use. Please send a bottled water with your child(ren). We have a case of water supplied to each classroom in the event that a student forgot their water. We are also accepting any bottled water donations for student use if you are so inclined. We will supply it to each classroom as they need it replenished.

Milk Program

During Stage 1 we will not be offering a milk program. We will let you know if we proceed with the milk program for Stage 2 of our reopening plan.

Book/Technology Disbursement for Online Students ONLY

3:30-5:30 September 10th 3:30-5:30pm.

Please pull into the lower parking lot. We will have student items ready for pick-up.

Please do not get out of your vehicle. We will hand the books and iPads (grades 6-8) to you.

Golf Outing

September 29th! Please volunteer, golf, or just come to socialize! Our golf committee appreciates your participating and involvement in raising money that goes directly back to positively impacting our students.

New ADAPP Counselor

We are thrilled to announce that we have a new guidance counselor that will be joining our school this year. More information to follow.

Arrival/Dismissal Procedures

Will be announced next week.

Lockers

All lockers are closed and off-limits for student use until further notice.

TACHS Registration

Current 8th grade students who are interested in taking the TACHS exam in November can register now. www.tachsinfo.com

Liebman's Uniforms

Liebman's Uniform Company is now offering St. Patrick's School masks. Please use the link on our website to order. These masks with our school logo are optional. Do not feel obligated to order a gym uniform at this time. They are not required.

Student Cell Phones

All cell phones must stay in the student's book bag throughout the school day.

A Parent's Prayer

Lord God,

Thank you for the precious gift of my children. I ask you to watch over them and protect them, especially as we begin this new school year.

Give them strength of character as they grow in maturity. Fill their minds with wisdom as they learn and discover new things. Help them to make good decisions that align with the values I have taught them. Fill their hearts with love.

Bless their principals and teachers in their important role as my children's educators. May they know of my appreciation for all they do.

I pray, Lord, that my children will be filled with an abundance of your blessings during this

new school year.

Amen.