



“All Are Welcome”

September 15, 2020

Dear St. Lawrence School Families,

Welcome back! It was so wonderful to experience the energy and enthusiasm that filled the school building as our K-5 students began their first day of school last Wednesday and our preschool students this past Monday. I would like to thank every member of our St. Lawrence School faculty and staff for helping to make the start of school so special for our students. I would also like to thank our St. Lawrence School parents and family members for ensuring that every child arrived to school on time and prepared for the first day of school.

I am so excited to welcome our new faculty and staff members to St. Lawrence School this year. Kimberly Palermo is our new PreK-3 teacher, Angela Pizzarello is our new first grade teacher, Samantha Wieme is our new fifth grade teacher, Colette Fumarola is our new AIS teacher, Michaela Borg is our new art teacher, Kelley Bennett is our new school counselor, Brynna Dinsmore is our new music teacher, Lucianna Iorio is our new after school care monitor, and Jen Curatalo is our new school nurse. We are so blessed to have such amazing individuals join our St. Lawrence School Community. I am also happy to share that Maggie Wilsey has taken on the role of Academic Intervention Services Coordinator and Andrea McLaren is now our Kindergarten Instructional Assistant. May God bless all of our faculty and staff members as we begin the new school year at St. Lawrence!

We have updated St. Lawrence School’s Handbook for the 2020-2021 school year. If you did not receive an electronic copy of the school handbook that was emailed out last month, you can access the handbook on our school website by choosing “School Handbook” in the For The Parents drop down menu. Some sections of the handbook reference our School Reopening Plan that was emailed out and shared during our School Reopening Plan Parent Meetings last month. Our School Reopening Plan can be found by clicking on the big blue “Reopening Plan” button on the homepage of our website. If you have any questions about anything in our School Handbook or School Reopening Plan, please feel free to contact me.

Our Academic Intervention Services (AIS) Team has been working diligently to begin preparing small group reading and math instruction for our K-5 students in need. All diocesan schools will again be using the I-Ready program to evaluate the reading and math levels of every child in grades K-5 in the school building. This information helps our teachers determine which students will be receiving AIS this year. A letter will be sent out to all parents of students who become eligible for these services as soon as this information becomes available. I-Ready testing began yesterday and will continue until the beginning of October. These online assessments help our teachers review student progress in ELA and math. Each of these tests takes approximately two class periods to complete. There is one ELA test and one math test. These tests are not in any way factored into your child’s report card grade. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child’s teacher.

I am excited to announce that our Walkathon Fundraiser for St. Lawrence School will be virtual this year and will take place during the weekend of October 24th and 25th. We will be having a special Walkathon Kick-Off Celebration this Friday where the students will learn about the Walkathon in their classrooms from our Walkathon Chair, Cheri Oliver. More detailed information about this event will be sent home with students on Friday after the Kick-Off Celebration. In the meantime, we have included the Walkathon T-Shirt Order Form in today’s

K-5 take-home envelope so that we can get a head start on ordering shirts for this event. All preschool students will have this form sent home this week as well. We are all looking forward to kicking off our Walkathon this Friday and participating in this important fundraiser for our school!

As we begin the new school year, I would like to remind all families that the process of preparing for and receiving sacraments should be done at each child's parish. If your child is in second grade, please make sure to contact your parish to begin Reconciliation and First Holy Communion preparation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your church pastor for more information.

Our Parent Information Night this year is scheduled for Monday, September 28th at 6:00 PM. This will be a virtual information night session done using Zoom. During this meeting, I will share school year updates, our Walkathon Chair will speak about our big Walkathon Fundraiser, and our AIS teachers and Specials Teachers (Art, Music, Physical Education, Technology, and Character Education) will share information about their classes and provide an opportunity for families to ask questions. During the week of September 28th, each homeroom teacher will also be setting up grade level virtual meeting sessions for parents and guardians of their students to share information about their classes and answer questions about the school year. Information regarding access to these meetings will be sent out next week.

Our school theme this year is, "All Are Welcome." At St. Lawrence School, we create a welcoming environment where we strive to treat others with kindness and respect, following in the teachings of Jesus. We are constantly reminded that there are many people in our world who are not as fortunate as we are, and we work to find ways to share our talents with others through acts of service for those in need. Our school song this year is "All Are Welcome." As we welcome many into our school community, we glorify God through our academics, spirituality, and service to others, while growing in faith, hope, and love in our hearts, souls, and minds. I am looking forward to a successful school year where every St. Lawrence School student will grow and learn both academically and spiritually in the love of Christ. I wish you all a safe and pleasant week, and I pray that God fills you with peace and joy as you and your child begin the 2020-2021 school year!

Stay safe, and God bless,

Frank Arvizzigno
Principal



Please Note:

Lunch and Milk Order Opens	9/15
Lunch and Milk Orders Due	9/23
Lunch and Milk Program begins	9/28
Parent Information Night, 6:00 PM	9/28
School Picture Day	10/6
Fall Conference Day – No School	10/9
Columbus Day – No School	10/12

Today's K-5 Envelope includes:

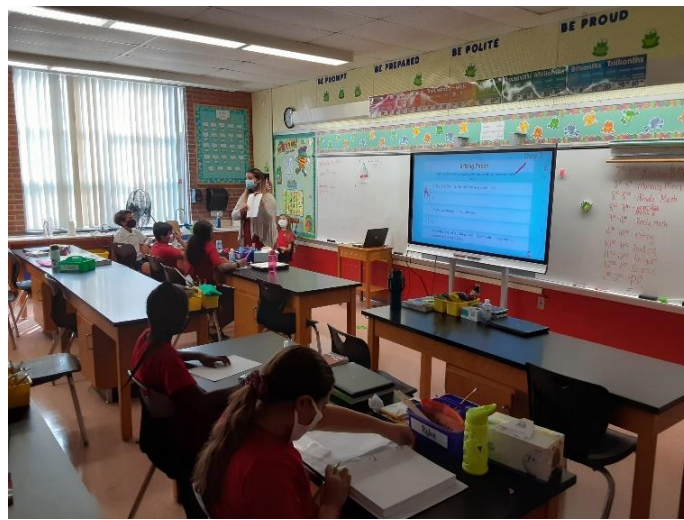
Walkathon T-Shirt Order Form
Cub Scouts Information Sheet
Milk Order Form
Lunch Order Form
School Counselor Letter

Office Reminders

Please get any changes in routine to us before 1:00 PM to guarantee that word gets to your child's teacher in time for dismissal.

K-5 Families, please send your weekly Tuesday envelope back to school by Thursday each week. If you are sending payments or any correspondence to the office, please include them in this envelope.

First Days of School



Health Office Updates

As a reminder, the Finger Lakes Reopening Schools Safely Task Force and the Monroe County Health Department have recently informed us that the following face coverings are not appropriate and should not be worn:

Bandanas

Gaiters

Scarves

Masks with Exhalation Valves

When wearing a face shield, a mask must still be worn under the shield that covers the nose and mouth.

If your child is sick in the morning, please do not bring him or her to school. Any students with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher and/or exhibiting signs or symptoms related to COVID-19 will be sent home. Our health office will contact families of students who are not in school to check in and provide information regarding when it is safe for a child to return to the school building. Please know that we must follow the guidelines provided by the Monroe County Health Department regarding illnesses, which may include having your child quarantine for an extended length of time. If your child is required to remain out of school, we ask that you contact your child's teacher to begin the process of distance learning. Students participating in distance learning will not be marked absent. Please review the Monroe County COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions and Answers, as well as the following Quarantine and Positive Case Flowcharts provided by the department of public health. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our school nurse, Jen Curatalo by email at jennifer.curatalo@dor.org or by phone at (585) 225-3870, Ext. 123.

Monroe County K-12 Schools Frequently Asked Questions

August 24, 2020

This communication is intended to serve as an informational tool only to support families, schools and health care providers during the reopening of local schools in accordance with New York State guidelines. Interested parties should review the New York State guidance closely and consult their own counsel for legal advice.

Q1: When and how should schools and health care providers report a positive COVID-19 case to the MCDPH?

A: Schools and health care providers must immediately notify the MCDPH when they become aware of a student, faculty member, staff or visitor who tests positive for COVID-19. Call the Monroe County COVID-19 Hotline at (585) 753-5555 and leave both a daytime and evening phone number. This line is available 24/7 and a MCDPH staff member will return your call.

Q2: What happens after a school or health care provider reports a positive COVID-19 case to the Monroe County COVID-19 Hotline?

A: The school will develop and implement an immediate action plan with support from the MCDPH. This could include closing a classroom, school building or district for 24 hours. The school will communicate its plan to its families, faculty and staff. MCDPH will begin contact tracing.

Q3: How will families know if there is a positive COVID-19 case in their school district?

A: The school district will alert families, faculty and staff and the MCDPH will issue a media advisory to the general public. Individuals who were exposed to a lab-confirmed COVID-19 positive case will receive a phone call from the MCDPH Contact Tracing Team and will receive further instructions at that time.

Q4: What happens if a student or teacher in my child's classroom tests positive for COVID-19?

A: With support from MCDPH, your school will provide instructions. MCDPH will likely recommend your school close the classroom for at least 24 hours. Being in the same classroom does not necessarily mean your student was exposed to COVID-19, so you might not get a call from our Contact Tracing Team. If you are worried, you should discuss your concerns with your 111 Westfall Road • Room 950 • Rochester, New York 14620 primary care physician. If you do not have a PCP, contact the COVID-19 Hotline at (585) 753- 5555.

Q5: What is the most important thing for families to remember?

A: Check on your child's health every morning. Look for symptoms of illness *before* your child leaves for school. Do not send a child who has a fever or who is feeling ill to school. Consult with your health care provider regarding any signs of illness.

Q6: What kind of face covering is appropriate for students, faculty and staff?

A: Cloth face coverings that cover both the nose and mouth are required. At this time, the MCDPH is recommending cloth masks for most situations. MCDPH is not recommending neck gaitors, bandanas, or scarves. Face shields worn without other appropriate face coverings are not an acceptable alternative. Some staff members will need additional personal protective equipment (PPE) at times. Please consult with your school's medical director or nurse.

Q7: Can my child be exempted from having to wear a mask?

A: MCDPH recommends all students wear a mask to protect other students, faculty and staff. Exemptions can be granted by primary care physicians, but only for rare, pre-existing conditions. If your child is having difficulty wearing a mask, consult with your primary care physician regarding techniques that will help your child adapt to a mask.

Q8: What if another student is exempted from wearing a mask in school?

A: The student must remain at least six feet from others at all times.

Q9: What happens if a child shows potential symptoms of COVID-19 while at school?

A: The student should immediately be separated from other students. The student's family will need to arrange pickup of the student and will be directed to consult with their health care provider.

Q10: If a student tests positive for COVID-19, can the individual's siblings still come to school?

A: No, siblings who reside in the same household will be placed in mandatory quarantine by the MCDPH Contract Tracing Team. They will be unable to return to school until MCDPH releases them from quarantine. This will be at least 14 days after the positive COVID-19 case is released from isolation OR the last contact with the isolated person.

Q11: What happens if a family member of a student, faculty or staff member tests positive for COVID-19?

A: The family member will be isolated and the student, faculty or staff member will be placed in mandatory quarantine by the MCDPH (or other local health department if they live in a nearby county) and will not be able to attend school until the health department releases them from quarantine. 111 Westfall Road • Room 950 • Rochester, New York 14620

Q12: How will I know what to do if my student is placed in isolation or quarantine?

A: The MCDPH Contact Tracing Team will walk you through the process and provide support throughout the isolation or quarantine process. If you have questions, you can call the Monroe County COVID-19 Hotline at any time: (585)753-5555 or email COVID19@monroecounty.gov.

Q13: How will I know what to do if my student is required to take a COVID-19 test?

A: Work with your health care provider to schedule a test, either in the provider's office, an urgent care center or other location. For more information about testing and local test locations, go to <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you>.

Q14: What if we don't have a health care provider, health insurance, or transportation or face other barriers that make it hard for me or my student to get a COVID-19 test? Where can I get help?

A: Any Monroe County residents with or without insurance can get a free test at Monroe Community College. Follow the link in Q13 above for information. For other questions or concerns about getting a test, call the Monroe County COVID-19 Hotline at (585) 753-5555 or email COVID19@monroecounty.gov.

Q15: I don't want everyone to know if my child or I test positive for COVID-19. How can I protect my privacy?

A: The MCDPH/School District will not publicly disclose the names of students, staff, faculty or visitors who test positive for COVID-19. If a student tests positive, the school building will be identified. If a staff or faculty member tests positive, the school district will be identified.

Q16: Is there a threshold of infections or absentee rates that would indicate a school should close?

A: While MCDPH can make a recommendation, it will be up to individual school districts to determine when a classroom, building or district should be closed. The factors under consideration are listed in the individual district plans that school districts have submitted to New York State.

New York State will close all schools in the Finger Lakes Region if the regional infection rate rise above 9%. To track the regional infection rate, go to <https://forward.ny.gov/early-warning-monitoring-dashboard>.

Q17: Are there warning signs that I can track in my own school district?

A: At present, MCDPH does not compile district-level infection rates. To track trends in Monroe County, go to www.monroecounty.gov/health-COVID-19 and click on the link to the COVID-19 Dashboard. MCDPH is closely monitoring numerous local datasets for signs of increasing community spread and will notify the public if that occurs. 111 Westfall Road • Room 950 • Rochester, New York 14620

Q18: I work at a school. How often should I get tested for COVID-19?

A: While anyone in New York State can get tested for COVID-19, there is no recommended schedule for faculty or staff to receive routine testing. If you have been exposed to a lab-confirmed COVID-19 positive case, the MCDPH

contact tracing team will call you and provide guidance related to testing. If you are having symptoms or want to set up a regular testing regime for yourself, please consult with your primary care physician.

Q19: What are some frequently used terms that I should know?

A: Here are definitions to terms frequently used when discussing COVID-19:

Potential Exposure: Being in the same household or having come into close contact with an individual who is confirmed or suspected to have a COVID-19 infection.

Close Contact: Someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes, during the period starting 48 hours before symptoms appeared until the time the infected person is isolated, and one or both of these individuals were not wearing a mask.

Proximate Contact: Being in the same enclosed environment such as a classroom, office or gathering, but greater than 6 feet from a person displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Contact Tracing: The identification and follow-up of individuals who may have come into contact with a person infected with COVID-19.

Case: An individual with a lab-confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis. Cases are always issued an Isolation Order by MCDPH unless the individual has had a prior lab-confirmed case within the past 12 weeks and has completed the initial isolation.

Isolation: The process of separating an individual who has a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 from others for 10 days or more following the onset of symptoms. MCDPH must issue a release from isolation before it can end.

Mandatory Quarantine: The process of separating an individual who has been in close contact with someone who is positive from others. That way, if the individual develops COVID-19, the individual cannot spread it to others. As long as no symptoms develop, the quarantine period lasts for at least 14 days since the last contact between the two individuals. If symptoms develop during quarantine, MCDPH will provide additional instructions. MCDPH must issue a release from mandatory quarantine before it can end.

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Positive Screen: Screening for COVID-19 includes a series of questions to determine a person's risk for COVID-19. A positive screen means the individual is at risk for having a COVID-19 infection.

Antibodies: Antibodies are proteins that can help protect an individual who had COVID-19 from getting it again. It is not yet known what level of antibodies results in immunity, or for precisely how long.

Rapid Antigen Test: This type of test for COVID-19 infection provides results in under one hour. (These tests have a higher false negative rate than a PCR test, but are appropriate in some situations. Please consult with your primary care physician.)

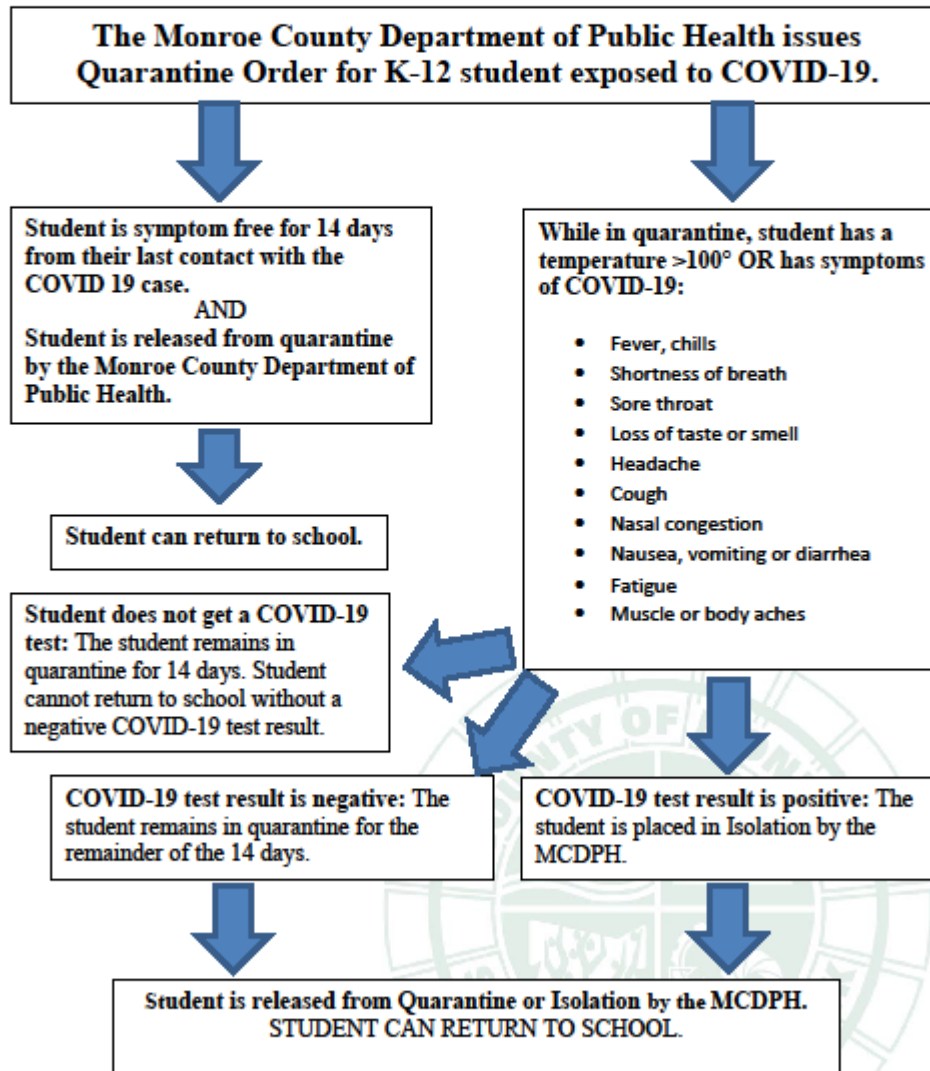
PCR Test: This type of test detects whether an individual currently has COVID-19. Current evidence indicates a person may continue to test positive for several months after having COVID-19, though the individual is no longer ill or contagious.



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POSITIVE SCREENING/K-12 STUDENTS

Student has a temperature $>100^{\circ}$

OR

Exhibits any symptoms of COVID-19:

Fever, chills • Shortness of breath • Sore throat • Loss of taste or smell •
Headache • Cough • Nasal congestion • Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea •
Fatigue • Muscle or body aches



Student will remain or be sent home and referred to family's health care provider.



**Alternative or No
Diagnosis**

**To return to school, student
must be symptom free and
obtain:**

1. An evaluation document from health care provider.
2. A lab-confirmed negative COVID-19 test result



**Confirmed Positive
COVID-19 Test Result**

The MCDPH will place student in isolation, which lasts a minimum of 10 days.

Student can return to school after being released from isolation by the MCDPH.