

**ST. BENEDICT**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL



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Dear Parents:

This summer is one no one will forget. Countless hours have gone into planning and preparing for a safe opening to St. Benedict School. In order to assess our reopening plan we have made a few changes to the September Calendar. It will begin with Orientation Days where students will be introduced to new policies and procedures. The new calendar will also allow faculty and staff time to analyze and discuss the policies and procedures as they are implemented and make modifications if necessary.

We will hold an orientation for each grade between September 1st and 3rd. Students should be in their school uniform and wear a mask. These programs will be specific to each individual grade so students should attend their session. Student orientations will begin with the following schedule. (These orientations are for students only.)

September 1st from 9:00 to 11:30- Kindergarten, 3rd Grade & 6th Grade  
September 2nd from 9:00 to 11:30- 1st Grade, 4th Grade & 7th Grade  
September 3rd from 9:00 to 11:30- 2nd Grade, 5th Grade & 8th Grade.

Students who have chosen the **Elective Remote Model** will meet with their teacher with the following schedule:

September 1st from 1:00 to 2:00 Kindergarten, 3rd Grade & 6th Grade  
September 2nd from 1:00 to 2:00- 1st Grade, 4th Grade & 7th Grade  
September 3rd from 1:00 to 2:00- 2nd Grade, 5th Grade & 8th Grade.

The PreK Orientations will be held on September 8, 2020. Preschool families will receive additional information on that schedule from the Preschool teachers when the schedule has been finalized.

The first Day of school will be Tuesday, September 8th. We have decided to run a half day schedule that entire week (12:15pm Dismissal). As I said, this will allow the faculty and staff to evaluate the policies and procedures and make modifications to the plan if needed. This also allows the students to ease back into their routine and not become overwhelmed with the prospect of being back in school. The half days will also allow the faculty time to meet our virtual learners and go over their schedule and expectations.

Our intention is to have half days twice a month to allow our staff to check in with our virtual learners; we have a half day scheduled on September 23rd. EDP services will be available.

We will hold Virtual "Back to School Nights" on September 15th for Grades PreK to 5 and on September 22nd for Grades 6 to 8.

As always, I appreciate your patience, flexibility and understanding. It is no small feat reopening a school in these turbulent times. We need to ensure the health and safety of our faculty, staff, and students and will do everything in our power to build upon the traditions we have established at St. Benedict School.

Sincerely,

Kevin Donahue