



## School Notes – October 1<sup>st</sup>

### ALL PARENTS

1. Wow, Can you believe it! It's officially October. Happy Fall ☺  
Here are some friendly reminders:  
Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> is session for students assigned to Cohort B. It is also an early dismissal for K-8.  
11:20 Grades K-2, 11:25 Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8 11:30  
(Prek 3 and Prek 4 will have a full day)
2. SCHOOL CLOSED – Monday 12 October – Columbus Day.
3. As stated in the Superintendent's letter, sent to your emails on Tuesday, please be sure your child's IMMUNIZATIONS are up to date. Even your students at home.....students will not be allowed to return without the correct shots or appropriate paperwork. Please consider a flu shot! Flu shots are MANDATORY for PRE-K students.
4. Next week we will be HALF WAY through the first marking period. Please encourage your child to do their best. Remote parents--- see #9 and #10 below
5. SPN parents have always been very good about paying tuition in a timely fashion. You should receive your October statement today. That's your third bill. Thanks for staying on top of this and making the sacrifice you make to send your children to St. Philip Neri. We know it hasn't been the easiest.

### FOR IN SCHOOL

6. Fall/Winter uniforms begin Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October.
7. We are seeing more people in front of the building WITHOUT MASKS! This is unacceptable. Please think about everyone around you and **WEAR YOUR MASK** or you will be asked to leave the property. Wearing a face covering helps reduce the spread of COVID-19, especially if you are sick and don't have symptoms. For more information about face coverings, visit [nyc.gov/health/coronavirus](https://nyc.gov/health/coronavirus) and look for "FAQ about Face Coverings."
8. **Sick Students:**  
Due to the Coronavirus new regulations were put in place in various places INCLUDING SCHOOLS. We are following protocols from the CDC and the NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene. We appreciate your cooperation with the new regulations and your willingness to keep everyone safe, including your child(ren).

Below is important information to safeguard the health of your child and our school community:

- Stay home if sick: Monitor yourself and your child's health. Keep them home if you, a family member, or your child is sick, except for getting essential medical care (including COVID-19 testing) and other essential needs. Your child may participate on Zoom if they are ill, just notify the teacher.

Symptoms include but are not limited to:

*Symptoms potentially include the following: fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or high, cough, stuffy nose, chills, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell, congestion/runny nose, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, muscle/body aches, fatigue, sore throat, headache.*

- Physical distancing: Stay at least 6 feet away from people who are not members of your household. This includes social distancing in front of the school.
- Practice healthy hand hygiene: Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available; clean frequently touched surfaces regularly; avoid touching your face with unwashed hands; and cover your cough or sneeze with your arm, not your hands.
- For information about testing, call your child's medical provider, call **311** or visit [nyc.gov/covidtest](https://www.nyc.gov/covidtest). Testing is free at many sites and available regardless of immigration status.
- It is important that your child stay home, even if your child does not feel as sick, to help prevent the spread of any germs, especially CoVID-19. Symptoms have been known to show up within 2 to 14 days of exposure. ***If your child develops symptoms please contact your healthcare provider or in the event of a medical emergency always call 9-1-1.***
- **In rare cases**, some children have developed multisystem inflammatory syndrome (MIS-C), a new health condition associated with COVID-19 that can result in serious illness. Symptoms may include fever lasting several days, red or pink eyes, swollen hands and feet, rash, diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain, red cracked lips or red bumpy tongue that looks like a strawberry. If your child develops any symptoms please contact a medical provider immediately. I would encourage you to visit the CDC website [www.CDC.gov](https://www.CDC.gov) and NYC DOHMH <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-main.page> for additional factual information and resources. It is important to listen to facts and not respond to fear, rumor, innuendo, or social media.

#### FOR REMOTE

9. Please let your teacher know if you are missing something.  
**Book pick up may take place from 3- 3:30 pm.**
10. **Assignments/Grades** –About 90% of our remote students are on line every day, doing their assignments and that's great. **For the other 10% here's some friendly advice:** Be on time every day and on ZOOM. No, you can't opt out of Zoom and just go to Google Classroom. Write your passwords down so you don't forget them. You also must be live on the camera wearing your appropriate uniform shirt.

If you're putting in the minimum work ethic, you may have a very big problem. Last spring this was all new to everyone. Teachers gave less work and graded more generously. (We didn't want excess pressure in a new and unknown process.) This year is different, the minimum is not okay, we want you to aim high and make sure everyone is doing their assignments in a **TIMELY MANNER**. There's no excuse. Parents, please email your child's teacher(s) with any questions, but don't expect an answer during instruction. **You must allow 24-48 hours for them to respond.**

**Please do not interrupt their lesson to ask a question either.** Your child and your child's classmates are in class. All questions or if clarification is needed, will need to be emailed directly to the teacher. What is being asked of the teachers is not the easiest, support them and work with them. If they see your child missing from zoom they'll reach out or notify for the office to call home. **All students will be graded on the work they turn in, class participation, and attendance. If you know your child will be absent from a portion of class- you need to let the teacher know (absent note).**