



ST. PAUL PARISH SCHOOL

Dear St. Paul Families,

Happy July! I pray that this email finds you all doing well, getting some rest and relaxation, and enjoying the summer days. I want to thank you again for your support, dedication, and the hard work you, the students, and staff did in completing distant and digital learning this past spring. I know that it had many challenges and I'm grateful for how we came together as a community to make it as successful as possible.

Since school has let out for the summer, work has continued on the plans for reopening in September. Most of the time in the past couple of weeks has been dedicated to updating our Communicable Disease Plan to include practices and procedures to reduce risk of COVID-19 exposure and transmission. Each Tuesday and Thursday I virtually attend a meeting with Lane ESD and Lane County Public Health (LCPH) to work on our plan. Our Communicable Disease Plan must be submitted to LCPH by August 15. In the meantime, LCPH has been very helpful providing us with the latest information from Oregon Health Authority and Oregon Department of Education, processing COVID-19 procedures with guidance from health professionals, and directing us on protocols to implement in our schools.

One of the key aspects of preparing for the reopening of the school is to keep students in small cohorts. The less contact students have with a variety of people the better. School will look different next year in order for us to implement stable cohorts of students while they are on campus. We will be adjusting drop-off and pick-up procedures, students will eat lunch in the classrooms, recess time will be limited to specific cohorts of students, specialists will come to the classroom to teach students (i.e. students will not go to the music room), PE will take place outside with social distancing, and student and staff temperature checks will be taken daily.

These are just some examples of things that we will be implementing to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 exposure and transmission. Everything we do will be in guidance with ODE and the Archdiocese of Portland. In the coming month, I will share more specific details as guidelines are often changing. The plan is to have all students in the classrooms beginning in September.

We also have a couple of staffing changes for the coming school year. Our middle school math and eighth grade homeroom teacher, Mr. Mike Shultz, has taken a job at Junction City High School. He will work in their math department teaching freshman Algebra I and also teach personal finance classes to seniors. Helping educate students in math and finance have always been important to Mr. Shultz and he is excited about this opportunity. At the bottom of this letter you will find a letter from Mr. Shultz.

Our technology teacher, Mrs. Kim Good, will be stepping away from her job at St. Paul. She has taken another job that will offer her more hours and the opportunity to work from home. Her children, Elaina and Everett that are in our first grade class, will stay at St. Paul. So even though we won't have Mrs. Good on staff, she will still be with our St. Paul Family as a parent.

I know that both Mrs. Good and Mr. Shultz had mixed emotions about leaving their jobs at St. Paul, and want you to know that they appreciate the St. Paul Community, your children, and colleagues a great deal. Please keep both of them in your prayers for successful transitions to their new jobs. I will work on staffing to manage these positions for the fall.

Attached to this email is the preliminary events schedule for the 2020-21 school year. All of the "no school" and "noon dismissal" dates have been approved by the Archdiocese. It includes dates for the end of the quarter, conferences, in-service days, and accreditation planning days. Do to the uncertainty of gathering in larger groups, we left off details about Masses, Curriculum Night, Middle School 101, Wreath Sale, etc. We will work on a way to implement these activities through social distancing guidelines. Stay tuned.

Also included in this email is an update from Mrs. Hughes regarding summer learning opportunities. Students have the ability to continue to utilize IXL and access AR through Renaissance Learning.

Many thanks to everyone for the support of the Whitney Family. Landen, Sawyer, and Saren greatly appreciate your prayers, kindness and generosity. A meal train has been set up for the family. If you would like to participate please click on the following link.

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/9le43l> In planning your meal, please know that Sawyer has severe tree nut allergy. Thank you!

Again, I pray that you are enjoying the summer days. Stay healthy and well, and may the joy and peace of Christ fill your hearts.

Blessings,
Kelli

St Paul family, faculty and friends,

It is with a mixture of both excitement and sadness that I announce I have accepted a full time teaching position at Junction City High School starting next fall.

This was not an easy decision to make, but have always wanted to teach at the high school level if given the right opportunity.

St Paul Parish School is a gem in so many ways and I have enjoyed so many aspects of it these last seven years - from the integrity and dedication of the staff and administration to the

support, gratitude I have received from parents. What I will miss most of all, though, are the] St Paul students. Such a good bunch of kids that somehow manage to brighten my day and put a smile on my face whenever I am around them.

Goodbyes are not easy for me, but I am comforted in knowing that as chaotic and unsettling as it seems in the moment, in the end, all is going to work out the way it's supposed to. I wish you all the best and truly hope that our paths will cross again in the future.

Always a Saint,

Mike Shultz

Summer Learning Opportunities and Updates...

1. The Renaissance Website has been updated in preparation for the upcoming school year. Students in grades 1-8 will be able to continue to use Accelerated Reader to take quizzes throughout the summer. Access to the website has changed...the new link is included below. User names and passwords have not changed.

<https://global-zone20.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/291598>

2. Students in grades 1-8 will continue to have access to IXL for the rest of the summer. Access is the same as it was this spring. Sign in to IXL by entering your student username and password at <https://www.ixl.com/signin/stpaulschool> This is a great way to keep your skills tuned up and be ready for school in the fall 😊

Students who are new to St. Paul Parish School will be able to access these resources as well. Just email me at khughes@saintpaul-school.org and I will get you up and running 😊
These are great resources and I would love to help students stay engaged and learning this summer. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or need assistance.