

Blessed Sacrament School

September 4, 2020

Dear Parents,

As we approach the final days of summer vacation, it is with great pleasure that I welcome back all of our students and families!

In addition to sharing some important information with you, this letter is also to assure you that with the guidance of the Archdiocese, Blessed Sacrament School has and will continue to comply with all guidelines set forth by the CDC. The safety of our students and staff is the highest priority! The school has been thoroughly cleaned and will be disinfected again over the weekend. In an effort to maintain social distancing, signage has been placed throughout the school for all to follow. In addition to our custodial staff, the Archdiocese had made arrangements for us to have an outside company here every day from 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM. This company will continually clean high frequency touch points and regularly shut down and disinfect all bathrooms throughout the day. We have added three *Health and Safety Aides* to our staff whose duties will include but are not limited to temperature checks, monitoring bathroom usage, and supervising students during lunch/recess. Our entire staff has participated in Covid training and the teachers will share much of that information with our students.

*Although hand sanitizer dispensers have been installed in every classroom and stand up dispensers are located throughout the building and despite the fact that all classrooms will have tissues in them, I am encouraging you to send your children to school with his/her own small bottle of hand sanitizer and a personal package of tissues.

As you know, Wednesday begins in-person schooling for all students in Cohort A. This day will be an orientation day in which teachers will discuss with the students all academic expectations for both in-school and at-home learning and more importantly all rules, regulations, and routines inside the school building. Thursday will be the same for all students in Cohort B.

*Please note that there will not be zoom sessions for the at-home students next week.

*For students who are fully remote, an orientation session will take place via zoom on Wednesday September 9th at 1:15 PM. A link will be posted to your teacher's class page.

Friday September 11th is a conference day, school is closed for our 3-year old program and grades Kindergarten through 8. Only UPK will be in session next Friday.

*The school calendar has been posted to the Blessed Sacrament School website.

A reminder, as stated in the *Moving Forward Together* reopening plan issued by the Archdiocese, there will be no before care or after care in stage 1 of reopening.

As of now, nothing has been confirmed in regard to bus service. In trying to keep everything as close to normal as possible, below are the drop off and dismissal procedures we will use for next week:

Morning Drop Off

Doors open for all students beginning at 7:35 AM.

The Greenleaf Avenue Parking lot will be *Stop and Drop* for grades Pre K 3, Kindergarten, First and Second grades. Hand held thermometers will be used to take temperatures as the students get out of the car.

*Cars will enter the driveway at the upper entrance on Greenleaf Avenue closest to Forest Avenue. Cars will exit the parking lot using the middle exit.

Because UPK parents are required to sign their children in, they will use the Greenleaf Avenue Driveway by the garages where they can park.

Stand up Theroscan thermometers will be at the three entrances on Delafield Avenue.

Grades 5 and 6 will enter the front side entrance closest to Greenleaf Avenue. Grades 3 and 4 will enter the main entrance on Delafield Avenue. Grades 7 and 8 will enter on the front side entrance closest to Manor Road.

Dismissal Procedure

UPK will be dismissed to the Greenleaf Avenue parking lot at 2:10 PM.

Kindergarten will be dismissed to the Greenleaf Avenue parking lot at 2:15 PM.

At 2:25 PM:

Grade 1 will be dismissed to the Greenleaf Avenue parking lot

Grade 3 will be dismissed out the main entrance on Delafield Avenue

Grade 5 will be dismissed on the side entrance on Delafield Avenue closest to Greenleaf Avenue

Grade 7 will be dismissed on the side entrance on Delafield Avenue closest to Manor Road.

At 2:30 PM:

Grade 2 will be dismissed to the Greenleaf Avenue parking lot

Grade 4 will be dismissed out the main entrance on Delafield Avenue

Grade 6 will be dismissed on the side entrance on Delafield Avenue closest to Greenleaf Avenue

Grade 8 will be dismissed on the side entrance on Delafield Avenue closest to Manor Road.

We understand that this may not be convenient for everyone, particularly parents with multiple children in the school. However, these procedures have been set in order to ensure the safety of all students. We kindly ask that all families exit the school grounds promptly at dismissal.

In conclusion, despite the challenges, I am most confident that with your partnership a wonderful school year lies ahead for all of our Blessed Sacrament School family!

Have a safe, healthy, and wonderful holiday weekend!

God Bless you!

Joseph Cocozello