

**ST. CHRISTOPHER'S SCHOOL**  
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The governor has announced we are going back to school in September, and we are so looking forward to having the children at St. Christopher School! As you have received the letter from the Superintendent of Schools, Michael Deegan, I would now like to formally welcome you to the 2020- 2021 school year!

Thanks to all of you for getting your responses back to us with regard to the scheduling you have chosen for your child(ren). As you know we have used these to make accommodations in classroom seating. We are happy to inform you that at this time we are able to meet all the requests you have put in writing. For those who have chosen the hybrid (or staggered) model your child(ren) will attend in school instruction on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays each week. In order to ensure social distancing for the 5 full day and hybrid students some classrooms have been relocated, including grades 6 and 7, which will be in the school gym. We have ordered dividers which will be used to separate the gym into two instructional areas. For our remote learning we are working on bringing our students into our classrooms with live stream instruction.

As you are aware, we are working with the Archdiocese of N.Y. guidelines to open our school with our children's safety as a priority. At this time there will be no morning care, after care, or busing. Parents will have to get their children to school in the morning and pick them up at their respective dismissal time. Parents, in working with the school, should check their child(ren)'s temperature each morning. Please note that every child will have their temperature checked at arrival for drop off in the morning. No one will be admitted into the school building if they have a temperature of 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or above. As in the past K – 8 will arrive at the Lisbon Place entrance. The school doors will open at 8:05. Please stay in your cars, students will be greeted, temperatures checked, and then students will proceed to school doors. Please be patient with us, and one another, as we all work together to ensure a safe school building. Dismissal will be from the same doors. Please note, as in the past, there is a staggered dismissal and we ask that you make arrangements to pick up your child(ren) as there is, at this time, no after care.

At the present time all students MUST bring their own lunch. Please note water fountains will not be available for the students; therefore you may want to pack an additional bottle of water for your child(ren).

Please note that you will be hearing more information as to our procedures and school day as we get closer to the opening of school. For those of you with children in our UPK4 and PK3

programs, we are still waiting for more detailed guidelines from the DOE and you will receive a separate letter when plans have been finalized.

This school year will be different from the ones in the past, but in many ways it will solidify our family atmosphere. We will continue to work together so that our children not only progress academically, but that we assist them with how to properly take care of themselves during these times, teaching them what it means to be more patient, caring, and encouraging of others while at the same time sharing everyday joys as a community of faith. Praying together, learning together, and laughing together are what our children, and we, have missed. We are looking forward to sharing this as a school family now. I look forward to seeing you soon! Please look for additional communication so we will all be prepared for a smooth opening in September!

Sincerely,

*Catherine Falabella*

Principal