

Saint Gabriel School
590 West 235th Street
Bronx, New York 10463

September 9, 2020

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that our long summer vacation period has drawn to a close so quickly. I hope that everyone took some time for resting. We certainly have a very busy year ahead of us. All students are receiving the "Student Introductory Materials" packages online with items they may find of use as the year progresses. A checklist has been provided to make certain that they and you, the parents, are able to constantly have these folders for future referral.

I would like to call the parents' attention to several very important sets of papers which are directed to them. Obviously, I do not expect you to plow through all of this material tonight. (I BECOME RATHER WORDY AT TIMES!); however, I would appreciate your reviewing these materials before the first Home-School Association meeting. At our first class meeting that night, I shall answer any questions you may have with respect to these materials. It is very important that each family be represented at that significant class meeting!

An important item for you to read will be distributed in class or at the first HSA parents night. Please review the "Catholic High School Information" sheet, keeping in mind the number of freshmen each school selects and your child's general standardized test performance. I shall also send home the "High School Open House" schedule as soon as it is available.

The remaining handouts include a review of my grading policy, my personal reflections on school and classroom policies, and a letter about the critical nature of consistent attendance. The most important ideas will also be highlighted at our first meeting. All of these materials will be available on my Class Page for the entire school year. I no longer make up the "Student Introductory Materials" folders that I have handed out for more than thirty years. Technology has enabled me to make these materials available where you can constantly find them whenever needed.

To insure that you have received these important sets of papers, I ask that the attached form be signed and returned to me no later than Monday, September 14, 2020. I am really looking forward to working with you and your children during the next ten months. Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Mr. Glenn A. McCarthy

September 14, 2020

Dear Mr. McCarthy,

Please be advised that I have downloaded or reviewed online a copy of “The Student Introductory Materials” package, including your grading policy sheet, your wordy reflections on school and classroom policies, your letter about the importance of consistent class attendance, and the various academic papers contained in the “Table of Contents.”

Sincerely,

*** On the line below, please PRINT your child’s name as you wish it to appear on the diploma.

Please Note: Any student who signs his or her parent’s name to any school correspondence, which includes returned tests and quizzes, will be subject to serious disciplinary action.

As some parents already know, I need a “baby picture” for both the Graduation Video and my dinner dance wall display. You may send in a picture for me to scan into my computer, or you may send a picture as an attachment to my school email address: GMcCarthy@saintgabrielschoolbronx.org.

At the time of this writing, I am not certain how the initial HAS “Back to School Night” will be conducted. With the safety protocols, I am not sure how I will be able to take pictures since most group activities are presently on “hold” until a vaccine makes it safe to gather once again in small groups. Please follow the notices on my Class Page and the posts in the Google Classroom until a more “normal” class situation can be allowed.