

*From the Desk of
Mrs. Kathleen Spina,
Principal of Holy Trinity School
August 26, 2020*

September 8, 2020

The opening of school is only 2 weeks away!

Thank you as always for your support and patience as we approach the opening of another school year. Our teachers have been working hard to prepare their classrooms and lessons for this wonderful year. As we move closer to September 8, 2020, please keep our teachers in your prayers.

Did you know that St. Corona is the Patron Saint of Pandemics?

Prayer to St. Corona

Lord Jesus Christ, You came into this world for our salvation. Look kindly on us now, we pray, that we, and all those who serve You, might be kept safe from this epidemic.

Heal those who are sick, comfort the suffering, bring back those who have gone astray, and above all, increase our faith, O Lord.

Give us the grace to follow You and, like the martyr St. Corona, who gave her life for love of You, to take up our crosses daily without fear or hesitation.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

St. Corona, patroness of epidemic victims, pray for us. Amen

Pray for a healthy and safe school year.

2020-2021 School Year Information.

- *Please review the information the Archdiocese of New York has announced for the re-opening of schools.*
 - *There are several informative videos listed on their Website that announces re-opening plans. Holy Trinity School will be following these plans.*
- *September 8, 2020 is the first day of school.*

- *School Times: 7:50 – 2:50. (Staggered start for classes to allow for our two building drop off.)*
- *Real Time instruction utilizing New Smart Boards in all classrooms for Remote Learning. Students are set up with Floor Markers and desks positioned 6 Feet Apart. Classrooms have been cleared of bookshelves and cabinets to insure a 6-foot clearance. Continued improvements to the internet connections for broadcasting from the classroom for Remote Learning.*
- *All students must wear a mask upon entering the school building. Supervised Mask breaks will be given throughout the day and when students are socially distanced during lunch. Students are recommended to bring a few clean masks for use each day. If they do not have a mask it will be provided for them.*
- *Temperature taken in Car or by wrist at Bus drop off. If a temperature of 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or greater is found, that student must go home. New wrist temperature scanners are positioned at the main Bus arrival entrance. Instant read non-touch thermometers for screening student arrival by car.*
- *Students with symptoms will be taken immediately to the Guardian Angel Room, (previously the Faculty Room) they will wear a face mask and will await immediate pick up by an authorized person. Parents or guardians will be notified.*
- *Social distancing in hallways and classrooms and upon entering and leaving the school will be enforced. Signage is located throughout the building. Directional hallways and staircases are marked to ensure social distancing. Students will not be permitted into the building until 7:45am. No one except the screened student is permitted to leave the car, or enter the building at morning drop off.*
- *Lunch will be eaten in the classroom, socially distanced, with a mask break for eating. **No hot lunch will be offered at this time. Families must provide lunch.** Students will remain within their cohorts for a socially distanced Recess period, outdoors weather permitting.*
- *No one will be admitted into the school building without an appointment. NO EXCEPTIONS ALL parents MUST have a prearranged appointment before entering the building. EVERYONE who enters the school building MUST wear a mask, EVERYONE who enters the school building will have their temperature taken. This is for everyone's safety.*
- *All cleaning will be done in accordance with the CDC and Board of Health guidelines. Shared spaces will be regularly sanitized. Cleaning and disinfecting will be done regularly throughout the day. Classrooms will utilize hand sanitizers and cleansers. A thorough cleaning of the school will be done at the end of each day.*
- *No Before Care and afterschool activities at this time.*
- *Water fountains are shut off. Students may bring their own water bottle to school.*
- *There is no sharing of school supplies. All supplies must be marked with the child's name.*
- *We are NOT offering a Hybrid learning experience. Parents who marked hybrid on our survey have been moved to 5 day in school learning. Contact the office by email if you want to switch to 5 day remote.*
- *5 day in school learning and remote learning ONLY.*
- *Families who marked remote learning will receive directions from the classroom teachers before the first day of school.*
- *Families must call your local school district transportation office for information on busing.*

- *Check class and teacher for supply lists and summer work. If your child is in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade please check grade 6, grade 7, and grade 8th*

Preparing for September 8, 2020 (First Day of School):

As we prepare for September, I ask for your support, and guidance to encourage healthy habits. Please develop a routine for your child/ren.

Reinforce handwashing with soap and water and thoroughly dry hands

Discuss coughing and sneezing etiquette.

Discuss the proper use of hand sanitizer and tissues.

Educate your child/ren on the importance of not touching their faces or other people's faces.

Teach non-touch acknowledgment to show friendship (no more fist bumps).

To make procedures easier for our faculty and staff, I ask you to please demonstrate to your child/ren proper ways to wash their hands and use hand sanitizer. Have them practice wearing masks. The mask must cover their nose and mouth, not just be on their body.

Please make sure your child has the required vaccines.

Gentle Reminder Tuition Payments are due the 15th of each month.

Dates to Remember:

August 24, 2020 Registration for TACHS opened (Grade 8 only)

September 8, 2020 – First Day of School

October 3, 2020 - First Holy Communion for 3rd Grade Students (Rescheduled due to COVID-19)

I am honored to serve as the principal at Holy Trinity School. It is truly a privilege to be part of a community who all work collaboratively to help our students become positive role models.

Please feel free to contact me at 845-471-0520 or at kathleen.spina@archny.org

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