

UPDATE JANUARY, 2021

IRIS Alert System: In the event of inclement weather or any other emergency that would prevent St. Brendan from opening, the IRIS system is set up to notify parents. The school phone number (718) 653-2292 will appear as the caller id and **an automated message will begin 5 seconds AFTER** you pick up the phone. If you do not answer, a message WILL be left on your voicemail. If you did not complete the Student Information Form on the school website, you will not receive the message. In cases of bad weather or other emergency, the school website will also have information regarding closings or delays posted after 6:45 AM. Your cooperation with this process is appreciated.

Uniforms: In the cold weather, the girls may wear the "official" school pants instead of their jumper/skirt. Every child is to be in full uniform. **No other sweater, sweatshirt or shoe may be worn.** If boots are worn to school, the uniform shoe must be brought to change into. If you need to order any part of the uniform, please call Flynn & O'Hara uniform at 1(800) 441-4122.

Google Classroom- Remote Learning: The re-opening guidelines sent out in August/September for Google Classroom clearly stated that remote students are to: sit at a desk/table; wear the school uniform, have their camera on and respond when asked a question. In addition; eating and drinking is to only be done during scheduled times. Now that we are in the 2nd quarter and connectivity issues have been resolved; be aware that if a student does not follow the remote learning guidelines he/she will be moved to the waiting room of the class; the parent will be called and the student will receive a zero for that subject/day.

Internet/Technology Use: This is a reminder that any inappropriate use in or outside of school will result in serious consequences which may include expulsion. Please monitor your child's internet correspondence and text messages. Be aware of the information your child is posting on social networking sites such as Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Snapchat and WhatsApp (to name a few). Personal information should never be posted; as "predators" are very clever.

Fundraising: The first fundraising opportunity ended prior to Thanksgiving. Every family is responsible for \$250 of fundraising. I will update you after the New Year regarding the final fundraising opportunity for this year. It may not be chocolate bars. Our fundraising is used to make up the gap of \$3,200 per student. This is the difference in tuition and the actual cost of each child's education.

December Activities: Our **Toy Drive** was very successful. You certainly made the holidays brighter for the children at the Catholic Guardian Society.

Important Dates:

Monday, Jan 4th - Return to school.

Thurs. & Fri, Jan 7th, 8th – join your child's music class for a Christmas celebration

Friday, Jan 15th - Dress Down Day for all students & staff who brought in a toy for the toy drive.

Monday, Jan. 18th - Martin Luther King Day – **School Closed**

Jan 31st – Feb. 6th – Catholic Schools Week – Event Schedule to follow.

I would like to wish each of you a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year! *Ms. Pasquale*