

August 10, 2020 **IMPORTANT STATEMENT FROM SISTER MARY ELIZABETH DONOGHUE, PRINCIPAL**

GRADE K – 8 LETTER

Dear Parents,

The news that we have all been waiting for has been announced by our Governor...

"SCHOOL MAY OPEN"...if all necessary precautions are in place.

Your children are the apple of your eye!

Psalm 1 "Guard me as the apple of your eye, shelter me in the shadow of your wings."

Let this be our prayer, as we move forward together to open St. Augustine School for the 2020-2021 school year.

Thank you for completing the survey sent to you on July 23rd. All summer we have been working to make this possible for you and your family. Again, I want to assure you that we will be following ALL the guidelines of the CDC and Health Department.

Attached is a memo & PROTOCOL for IN PERSON / VIRTUAL LEARNING KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 8.

The results of the survey indicated that most of you requested 5 days of in person learning. Due to the current CDC requirements we cannot safely social distance our entire student population.

Therefore, we will be employing the hybrid model. Students will attend in person learning either Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday and alternate Fridays.

All children from the same family have been assigned to come on the same days.

Much time and effort has been spent to accomplish this feat. Changes cannot be made to these groupings.

Grades K – 8 HYBRID MODEL FOR ST AUGUSTINE SCHOOL

1. Students have been divided into two groups, The Blue Group and The Gold Group. The **Blue Group will attend in-person learning on Monday and Wednesday. First Day of School for the Blue Group is September 9TH^h. The Gold Group will attend on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students will alternate on Fridays. First Day of School for the Gold Group is September 8TH.** On the days the children are in class at home, they will participate in the lessons via their computer/chrome books. .
2. **Temperatures** will be taken at the car upon arrival before entering the building. Bus riders will have their temperatures taken as they exit the bus. Should a child have a temperature of 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or above **or** exhibit other signs of illness, they will not be admitted to the school.
3. **Masks** are to be worn in the building at all times with the following exceptions. Snack time in Grades K – 2, Lunch time and allotted morning and afternoon break times chosen by the teacher.
4. **Attendance** – There will be a maximum of 13 students per class for in person socially distanced learning.
5. **Social Distancing** – Every child will have their own desk placed 6 feet apart from each other.
6. **Lunch** will be eaten in the classroom at desks. Students may order via the cafeteria but it will be delivered to the classroom in secure packaging.
7. **Fulltime time nurse** on duty daily; 2 isolations rooms ready if needed. (Guardian Angel Rooms).
8. **Classrooms and bathrooms** checked and sanitized periodically during the day.
9. **Classrooms thoroughly cleaned and sanitized at end of each day.** NOTE: Our Cleaning company is Good Deal Cleaning Company and they have been professionally trained at Mt Sinai Hospital