

St. Augustine School
381 North Highland Avenue
Ossining, New York 10562

August 25, 2020

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to the first day of school with eager anticipation. Please read carefully the letter below filled with instructions and important details about arrival at school, lunch, dismissal, etc.

Arriving at School

Bus: All PreK4 children residing in Ossining coming to school by bus will enter the school through the second grade entrance. As they come through the entrance, each child will have their temperature checked using a contactless digital thermometer. If anyone has a temperature equal to or greater than 100°, they will be confidentially escorted to the isolation room in the Nurse's office. Parents will be called and the student must be picked up within 30 minutes.

By Car: Students coming to school by car will go to the main entrance. When the car pulls up to the sidewalk, each student will get their temperature checked using a contactless digital thermometer before exiting the car. If a student has a temperature equal to or greater than 100°, they will not be allowed to exit the car. Please keep in mind this a drop-off only. It is important to maintain traffic flowing, so please do not get out of your car.

No student can be dropped off at school before 7:40 AM. Students will not be allowed into the school building prior to this time. If you arrive early, the student must remain in their car until 7:40.

Parents are not allowed in the building without an appointment.

Parents should check for the following symptoms before sending their children to school.

- Fever of 100° or higher
- Cough
- Stuffy nose
- Chills
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste or smell

- Congestion/runny nose
- Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
- Muscle/body aches

If your child is experiencing any of these symptoms, please keep your child home.

On the first day of school, all students will be met at the entrance by Sister Mary Elizabeth, Mrs. Fessman, and the PreK staff, who will escort them to their classroom.

Lunch and Snack

All students are to come to school with a healthy snack. For those students staying for a full day, students must also bring lunch. Students will eat lunch at their desk in the classroom.

Please be aware that the **water fountains will be closed**. Students may bring in a water bottle each day.

Dismissal

Ossining PreK4 students who ride the bus will be walked to the bus by their teacher or the aide.

Pick-ups will exit through the rear door. **You are asked to get out of your car and stand socially distanced from other parents so that you may be identified more easily.** Once you have secured your child you are asked to leave the property immediately. **No playground.**

Miscellaneous

- Each student will have his/her own supplies. Supplies will not be shared.
- There will be hand sanitizers throughout the school and students will be encouraged to use them often.
- Bathrooms will be monitored during the day. Only 2 students are allowed to be in the bathrooms at any time.
- Halls will be clearly marked with directional signs. Additionally, floors will be marked at 6-foot intervals.
- All desks in classrooms are distanced at a minimum of 6 feet apart.
- Classrooms will be cleaned and sanitized each day at the end of the day.
- The bathrooms, door handles, and other surfaces will be cleaned throughout the day.
- Students are required to wear a mask on the bus and when they are at school. Each student should have 2-3 masks in his/her backpack as a backup. Cloth masks should be washed after a day's use.

Before school starts on September 9, your child's teacher will set up a zoom orientation session with you and your child. This will give your child an opportunity to meet his/her teacher both with her mask on and without one.

Thank you for your cooperation as we strive to keep our school a safe and secure place for your children to learn.

Sister Mary Elizabeth Donoghue, O.P.
Mrs. Debbie Fessman