



July 15, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year! We are looking forward to opening up the school buildings and working with you as partners in a full time Catholic Education Program at Cardinal John Foley Regional Catholic School. We are anxious to see the children and provide an in person start to the school year. As the new school year approaches, there is important information for you to know regarding the beginning days of school.

We have been working with the Campus Restoration Task Force and Sub Committees to guide us in developing protocols, principles and guidelines to ensure our campus is as safe as possible. We thank the Task Force and committee members for their generosity of time and experience with this endeavor. The safety of the students, faculty, and staff is our number one priority. The plan is not complete but what we know so far is included with this mailing.

As you review the plan you will notice that masks are a required item. We recommend that families practice having the children wear masks for extended periods of time at home. This will prepare the children for when they come to school.

Thank you for reading the Monday updates. As we get closer to the start of school we will continue to keep you updated about the current circumstances and how they will affect the opening of school. The weekly parent letters will begin on Friday, August 28. Thank you for taking the time to read the letter each week.

School will reopen on Wednesday, September 9, for students in grades one to eight. There will be a noon dismissal on this day. All school districts will transport the children home **except HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP**. Bus information will be forwarded to our families directly from the school district that provides transportation for your family. Full days for students in grades one to eight will begin on Thursday with bus transportation to and from school. PS, PK, and Kindergarten classes will begin full time on Monday, September 14. CARES will begin on Monday, September 14.

The school calendar is posted on the website for your review. You will notice many of the community events are not scheduled. In order to adhere to safety guidelines we will be working on developing various ways to connect with our families during this time. The Back to School Night dates are scheduled. Although an in-person event will not take place, we are working on a different format for you to meet the teachers and receive this information.

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Students in grades one to eight are to be dressed in uniform beginning Wednesday, September 9. Dress code requirements can be found on the website and in the family handbook. The choices, styles, and pictures for the regulation shoe are listed on the site. **School shoes for both boys and girls are to be tie shoes.** Uniforms may be purchased at Flynn and O'Hara Uniforms located in Lawrence Park Shopping Center. Flynn and O'Hara have extended summer hours. Kindly check their web site for details. The gym uniform can be purchased at C & M located in Manoa Shopping Center. To access more information go to the parent resource link on our website.

We are excited to share the good news that we are opening up a fourth PK classroom. There will be three sections of PS (the three year olds) and four sections of PK (the four year olds). The welcome letters for the PS and PK programs will be forwarded to our families the week of July 27. Parent and child orientation will take place the week of September 9. The format for the orientation will be explained in the letter that you receive from your child's teacher. We are scheduling appointments that will be safe for both the family and the teacher. This family orientation will take the place of a Back to School night for PS and PK.

Enclosed you will find the family information sheet, re-opening school plan, and classroom assignments for students in grades 1 to 8. Kindergarten class assignments will be mailed at the week of July 27. If your child achieved honors the second and/or third trimester, the honor cards are also enclosed. We ask that the family information sheet be returned to the school office by August 15. You can return the form to the office by mail or drop it off in the box outside the front entrance. **PLEASE DO NOT EMAIL THE FORM BACK TO US.**

Our school community welcomes the following new teachers:

*Mrs. Susan Kain has been hired as a sixth grade homeroom teacher. Mrs. Kain holds a Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree from Temple University, a Master of Education degree from Cabrini College and PA Instructional II certification. Mrs. Kain has nine years of experience teaching Middle School students.*

*Mrs. Loren Loomis has been hired as the first grade teacher. Mrs. Loomis has been a Catholic School Educator for 18 years. Her experience is in the primary grades serving St. Gabriel and St. James Regional School communities. The last two years she served as principal at St. James Regional School in Ridley. Mrs. Loomis holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Cabrini College, PA Certification in Elementary Education, and Religion Certification II.*

*Miss Christine Pickard has been hired as a Kindergarten teacher. Miss Pickard holds a Bachelor of Science degree from West Chester University and Pennsylvania Certification Instruction I PK-4. She is currently enrolled in an Early Childhood Master of Education Program at West Chester University. For four years she was a Pre-K teacher at the Malvern School and last year she taught first grade at St. Bernadette School in Drexel Hill.*

*We welcome our new faculty and staff to our school community and thank you, in advance, for supporting them as they become familiar with our school community.*

*Ms. Quaille and her husband will welcome their first child in August.*

*We are currently interviewing for the PK teacher and aide position.*

There are several projects taking place during the summer.

- The technology infrastructure is being updated.
- Windows in ABVM building on the schoolyard side are being replaced.
- New shades will be ordered for the new windows.
- Both bathrooms on the first floor in St. Denis Hall are being upgraded.
- The Spirit Store/Uniform store is being converted into a PK classroom.
- Windows in rooms 104 and 103 are being replaced.
- All faucets and paper towel dispensers will be replaced to hands free devices.
- New sanitizer dispensers will be installed in each classroom.
- Although the classrooms were cleaned during the pandemic closure, all classrooms will be cleaned in August and the floors in both buildings will be stripped, cleaned and waxed.

As you can see there are many upgrades being done to the buildings. We are excited to be preparing the buildings for the students' return. Thank you for your financial support, which has made all this upgrading possible.

The school offices will reopen on Monday, August 17. Should you need an in-person visit, please call to make an appointment.

The National Catholic Educational Association theme for the 2020-21 school year is "Catholic Schools: Faith, Excellence, Service." As Catholic School Educators, we believe these core values will give our students the skills they need to live a life rooted in our faith while giving service to others and actively participating in our society. Your choice to send your child/children to Cardinal John Foley Regional Catholic School is evidence that you believe in and support a faith development program. Together we provide an environment that will give students a spiritual foundation with an academic basis and desire to serve in our school, our community, and our world. Thank you for partnering with us in this ministry of Catholic Education.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Mary Ann De Angelo  
Principal

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