



Holy Family Regional Catholic School

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Dear Families,

Our school staff and teachers are excited to get back to what we do best, “teach children”. Clearly, as we begin on September 9th, our approach will be modified and our entire community, students, teachers and parents will need to remain patient, flexible and aware that mitigating the spread of the Covid-19 virus is a top priority.

This modified program includes multiple students arriving at school planning to attend in-classroom instruction and/or attend instruction in a virtual manner in an assigned school space or all virtual from home. Beginning on September 9th, arriving students will be directed to their grade appropriate assigned areas by staff.

As students attend school on days when they are **not scheduled** to be “in-person (homeroom A/B)” it is vital that they be on their best school behavior. Our staffing allows for supporting these students, yet it will be critical that students be prepared to be very cooperative, flexible and patient as we work to best insure this optional support offering.

Below are a few key items to help us move ahead into the 2020-2021 school year.

1. Begin with prayer: across our community; as a school staff, as students and as families, our shared reliance on faith and spiritual guidance must remain fervent! Collectively, join me in staying strong in prayer as we make the 2020-21 school year one filled with learning and joy!
2. Arrival: Doors will open at 7:20am
All students, in all grades (PreK-3 - Grade 8) will begin the school day by entering the **DEGNAN HALL** main doors. (This single point of entry allows for careful health screening etc.)

Car riders and bus students will all be dropped off in the circling pattern in our back parking area. The exit from cars and busses will be a bit closer to the Degnan Hall doors. Staff will be on hand to help and direct students. Only students should exit cars.

Staff will direct students through the gym, where they will receive a temperature check and then progress on to their assigned classroom spaces. Any student with an elevated temperature will be asked to wait in the “pause chair area” until the nurse can best determine next steps.

3. Departure: **note that all car riders will be picked up in the back parking lot.** All parents should park and stand near your car until your child comes out. Please be mindful of spacing since we will have many families picking up. Students will have masks on; it is our goal to be as safe as we can.

All Pre-K students will be dismissed at 2:00 in the back parking lot

All Car Riding Students in Grs. 8 - 6 will be dismissed/slowly and with safe distance to the back parking lot at 2:10

All Car riding students in Grs. 5 - 3 will be dismissed/slowly and with safe distance to the back parking lot at 2:15

All Car riding students in Grs. 2 - 1 will be dismissed/slowly and with safe distance to the back parking lot at 2:20

All Car riding students in Gr. Kind. will be dismissed/slowly and with safe distance to the back parking lot at 2:25

All bus-riding students will board busses from the side parking lot as their bus arrives starting @ 2:15

***These arrival and dismissal procedures will be utilized until 10/16/20. Please help by being patient and safe as we best monitor these important safety steps please do not speed, safety must remain our goal thanks!**

4. School Uniforms: Until at least October 16, 2020, the following school uniform options are all acceptable.

- A. Summer Uniform
- B. Traditional Uniform
- C. School Gym Uniform

5. CARES: We are currently not able to offer our CARES Program; our intention is, in the weeks ahead to craft a solution so that we can safely offer this important program. We apologize for any inconvenience.

6. Lunch/Snack/Water/Recess:

All students will be eating lunch in their assigned classroom areas. All pre-ordered lunches will start on September 14th and be delivered to the classrooms. Orders can now be placed online at: <https://frankiesschoolcatering.h1.hotlunchonline.net/>. If you are not ordering, please pack.

Morning snacks should be packed as well. We will start the pretzel ordering option in the future but for now, you should pack a morning snack as well as a refillable water bottle. We will allow moderated breaks to refill water bottles.

Please remember to put names on all items including lunch/snack/water bottles, etc.

Outside recess will take place in an assigned manner utilizing both our back parking lot areas as well as our side lot. Students will be monitored to assure interaction is safe, yet enjoyable.

7. School supplies and learning materials:

School supplies (including summer supply requests) should be brought to school on the first day in class and continue every day after. Any school-supplied items will be distributed on the first day each child attends in-person classes. For those virtual, your homeroom teacher will be in touch to set up a pick up. It is the students' responsibility to come to school prepared every day.

8. Attendance:

Every student will be expected to login to the homeroom by 7:50am every day. We will start our day in community prayer, take attendance then your teacher will supply an itinerary for the day's schedule.

Classes will end virtually by 2:00pm in order to start the dismissal process.

Calendar for the first week:

Doors of Degnan Hall Open at 7:20am

September 9th A Day Grades 1 - 8 Dismissal as below

September 10th B Day All Grades Dismissal as below

September 11th A Day All Grades Dismissal as below

Car Riders:

PreK - 11:05

Grades 8 - 6 11:15

Grades 5 - 3 11:20

Grades 2 - 1 11:25

Grades K 11:30

**buses will load as they arrive starting at 11:15am

September 14th B Day *see notes above on regular dismissal procedure during Covid plan.

As we move into these next weeks of school, our staff is unified in our efforts to provide every child with a great learning experience - Academic Excellence Rooted in Faith. We anticipate changing and adjusting to make sure, we can best accomplish that lofty goal!

Please join us in praying for a safe and wonderful 2020-21 school year.

Sincerely,

Charles Hughes
Principal