

NEWS AND NOTES for the Opening of the School Year 2021-2022

Wednesday, Sep. 1	Opening Day of School for Grades 1 - 8 8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON DISMISSAL
Thursday, Sep. 2	Grades 1 - 8 ONLY 8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON DISMISSAL
Friday & Monday, Sep. 3 & 6	NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, Sep. 7	Full Day of School for Grades 1-8 students 8:00 am – 2:45 pm Morning and Afternoon CARES begins. Breakfast and Hot Lunch begins. 7:00 PM MANDATORY Meeting for PK and Kindergarten parents
Wednesday, Sep. 8	Grades 1-8 Full Day 8:00 AM- 2:45 PM Kindergarten – Half Day 8:30 – 11:30 AM 7:00 PM Back to School Night Grades 5-8
Thursday, Sep. 9	Grades K-8 Full Day 8:00 AM- 2:45 PM PK Boys 9:00-10:00 AM PK Girls 10:30 - 11:30 AM 7:00 PM Back to School Night Grades 1-4
Friday, Sep. 10	Full Day of School for all students 8:30 AM Mass for Opening of School Year
Monday, Sep. 13	Pretzels Begin!

General Health Guidelines Due to the Continuing Pandemic

Children will maintain a safe social distance when in the classroom, the cafeteria and hallways. Students will remain three feet apart at all times, even at recess. All desks will face the front of the room and students will not participate in any small group work at this time. All students will be required to wear masks when they enter and leave school as well as any time they are moving around the school such as to the bathroom or the cafeteria. Masks are to be removed only when eating or outside at recess. In order to curtail movement and facilitate disinfecting the rooms, teachers in the upper grades will move to the classrooms for their subjects rather than having the students come to them as in the past. Proper hand washing will be required and students must use hand sanitizer every time they enter or leave a room. All classrooms will be wiped down regularly throughout the day and the cafeteria will be thoroughly cleaned after each use. Handrails, light switches, etc. will also be wiped down with disinfectant throughout the day. Water fountains will not be used and students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles. No food can be shared and, for the time being, no treats can be sent into school such as birthday cupcakes, Halloween bags, etc.

Arrival Procedures

Students using the morning CARES program may arrive at school at 6:30. All other students may begin to arrive at school at 7:30. Breakfast is available for those students until 7:45. All students are required to wear masks and their temperature will be taken upon arrival in the classroom. All Kindergarten – Grade 8 students will enter school through the schoolyard breezeway doors and proceed directly to their classrooms. Students arriving after 8:05 must enter the school through the main doors and they will be marked late.

IMPORTANT CHANGE: Parents with pre-school children who also have older children in the school are encouraged to use the CAR LINE and drop off all children at the same time. The older sibling(s) will walk the pre-school child to his or her classroom and then proceed to the classroom. Hopefully, this will make it easier for parents since they will have only one drop-off.

Dismissal Procedures

Students will be required to put on their masks and use hand sanitizer before leaving their classrooms. Students will then be dismissed in an orderly manner according to dismissal assignment. Bus and Car Line will be dismissed first in order to clear the schoolyard for the other lines

Kindergarten children are dismissed at 2:40 PM and parents are expected to meet them at the end of the ramp in the schoolyard on Vista St. PreKindergarten children are dismissed at 2:30 PM to parents waiting at the Large St. doors. All parents are required to wear masks when they pick up their children.

Pretzels

It was so successful having pretzels at the end of last year that we will have them again for this year. All pretzels will be handled only by the office staff wearing masks and gloves and each pretzel will be delivered to the classrooms in separate bags with the students' names. Pretzels are 50 cents each. Forms will be available at school or on the school website. The first month will cost \$7.50 for 15 days, Sep. 13 – Oct. 1. Please send the exact amount in by Wednesday, September 8.



School Uniforms

We have received the following email from Flynn and O'Hara regarding the delivery of school uniforms.

Like so many other retailers across the United States, Flynn & O'Hara Uniforms is working through our peak season back-to-school season significantly under-staffed. As a result, we are experiencing delivery delays on orders which are presently processing in 10-14 business days for orders with customized products. We anticipate that these lead times, along with wait times in our stores, may continue to grow as we approach the start of the school year. Additionally, although backorders are impacting only a very small percentage of total units, we are seeing longer lead times on backordered products due to international supply chain disruptions caused by COVID-19. At present, backordered products are estimated to ship in roughly 4-6 weeks. If your families do not want to wait this length of time for their backordered products, our customer service team will be happy to either cancel and refund the backordered product(s), or help them find an alternative item from your uniform profile, if applicable. While our marketing team has been actively communicating these delays to school families via email, social media, and our website, and stressing the importance of early back-to-school shopping, we do not have contact information for all your school families. **For those families who have not placed their orders or visited our stores yet, I do want to be transparent that they may not have everything they need for the first day of school.**

Understanding the situation that you may not have the correct uniforms for the start of the school year we are going to be more lenient about our uniform policy, at least in the beginning. If you have a gym uniform you may wear that instead of the required school uniform. If you have neither, then the expectation is that boys wear dress slacks (gray preferred) or shorts (not gym-style) with a polo or dress shirt (light blue or white.) Girls may wear Bermuda shorts or skirt (navy blue preferred) with a plain polo or short sleeved top (light blue or white.)

My Students' Progress (MSP)

MSP is the portal we use to communicate with parents via emails and text messages. It is also where you can check on your child's grades in class. You need to log onto your MSP account in order to do so. MSP has established a new security measure this year whereby you might be asked for a Pin Number. That number was emailed to you previously. Please call the office or email us if you are having any difficulty logging on. (agarvey@resurrectschool.org)

Home and School News

As you know, all Home and School positions were open for the 2021-2022 school year. We would like to thank the previous board members for all they have done for our school over the past few years. They are Mrs. Annette Handley, Mrs. Lexi Canfield and Mrs. Vicki DiLeggi. The entire school community owes them a debt of gratitude for all the time and effort they have put into helping our school.

We are happy to announce that our Home and School has new leadership for this year. Mrs. Katie Estudante has agreed to serve as the Home and School president for the upcoming school year. All other H&S board positions are open. If you are interested in serving on the board please contact Mr. Bellantoni.

H&S is already planning two exciting events for the new school year. The first one will be a Welcome Back movie night on Friday, September 24th. It will be "tailgate" style, everyone will bring their own refreshments and seating. A flyer will be sent home with more details. The second event will be the annual Halloween "Trunk or Treat" event. The "Trunk or Treat" will be held in the school parking lot on Sunday, October 17th, more details to follow. If you would like to help at either of these events please contact, Mr. Bellantoni.

Thank you to Mrs. Estudante and the other moms who have volunteered to help with these two start up events.

Scholarship News

Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia (CSFP) is a privately-funded program whose mission is to provide children from low-income Philadelphia families with financial access to quality, safe, K-8th grade, tuition-based schools, thereby increasing their long-term economic and social success. CSFP grants need-based scholarships to children from low-income Philadelphia families, all of which are awarded by random lottery. CSFP currently serves more than 5,000 children enrolled at over 170 private and parochial schools.

Join CSFP for a virtual celebration of CSFP grads at their Spotlight Awards and Application Kickoff on Tuesday, September 14 at 6:30pm! They will count down to the kickoff of the K-8th grade scholarship application for the 2022-2023 school year. You will be among the first Philadelphians to hear a special announcement right before the scholarship application opens at 7pm. RSVP at <https://www.csphiladelphia.org/spotlight-awards-and-application-kickoff/>

The CSFP application opens in mid-September and the application remains open until March 1 of the following year. CSFP conducts a priority lottery in December. Any applications not selected in this initial lottery will automatically be entered into a second lottery in March. **To increase your chances of being selected, apply before the November 15 priority deadline for consideration in both lotteries.** CSFP conducts a final lottery in early March, and winners are notified later that month. Winners in both lotteries will be notified via email with next steps for registration.

Contact Information for CSFP

As of right now, we do not have a CSFP ambassador assigned to our school. Hopefully someone will be appointed soon. We would like to thank Mrs. Allyson Batista who has served as our CSFP ambassador for the past three years. She has been a tremendous help to us keeping our scholarship families informed and up to date on their paperwork. Since her last child has graduated from Resurrection, she is no longer eligible to serve in that role. Thank you, Mrs. Batista!!!

BLOCS

If you applied for the additional BLOCS money through your FACTS account this money will continue to be allocated through September. The BLOCS foundation must first verify your application and determine which fund your child is eligible to receive a scholarship from, EITC and/or OSTC. They will then provide a list to the school of eligible students and suggested scholarship amounts. You will be notified as soon as these scholarships are determined.

CYO News

If your child likes to swim you should consider joining the Resurrection of Our Lord Swim Team. All Resurrection Parish school children, prep students and private, public and charter students who are active members of their Parishes in Grades K through 9 are eligible to participate & *they must be able to swim one length of a 25 yd. pool unassisted.* All parents will also be required to work the swim meets throughout the year in various tasks. They are also looking to fill positions on their Board of Directors for parents whose time has come to step down. If you have a child/children interested in swimming for Resurrection please email Kim @ kimyellin268@gmail.com.

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Box Tops for Education

As most of you have heard the program is transitioning away from the standard clipping and encouraging people to download the box tops app from the Apple store or the Google Play store where you can scan your receipts to get credit for our school. Receipts must be scanned within 2 weeks of purchase and if you do not want to add apps on your phone please send them in in a timely manner as Mrs. Berkhimer can scan them for you. Additionally we are still accepting the clipped tops until they disappear which currently looks like 2023. We are grateful to Mrs. Berkhimer and Mrs. Fleming for coordinating this program. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Berkhimer at Aballboys@gmail.com or call the school at [215-742-1127](tel:215-742-1127). Thanks for your help!

SCRIP Program

The SCRIP program offers gift cards for various stores and supermarkets. It doesn't cost you anything to participate and not only does it benefit our school but it also benefits you by giving you rebates on your tuition. Consider buying SCRIP on a regular basis. It's definitely a WIN/WIN plan. Our SCRIP coordinator is Rosemarie Kazoroski and she has an office in the rectory.

In addition to stopping by the Scrip office during operating hours, (Sunday 9AM to 11AM; Monday 9AM to 11AM; Wednesday 6PM to 8PM; Friday 9AM to 11AM AND 6PM to 8PM; Saturday 9AM to 11AM) we are now set up to sell SCRIP and accept payments for SCRIP online. There are hundreds of retailers and setting up an account for your family is easy! Go to the following website, <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/getstarted/index.aspx> Our school has been given a new code for buying SCRIP online. If you want to order online, please email our SCRIP coordinator, Rosemarie at RoseKaz@comcast.net or call the SCRIP office at 215-745-5021.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, September 24	Welcome Back Movie Night
Monday, October 11	Teacher Inservice NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Sunday, October 17	Trunk or Treat in schoolyard
Wednesday, October 20	Progress Reports
Thursday, October 21	4:00 PM Confirmation 1:00 pm DISMISSAL AFTER LUNCH (NO PM CARES)

RESURRECTION REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL CONTACT LIST

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