

May 8, 2020

From the Headmaster



It totally slipped my mind that this was Teacher Appreciation Week until I received the great video with messages from our students. Thanks to Jill Olecki for putting together this effort and to all the families who

participated! It was fun to see so many students, and I know teachers enjoyed the clever messages. The video is attached to today's Weekly Update.

Let me add my words of appreciation to our teachers for their perseverance and positivity this spring.

Next week is the last week of remote learning. Please check to see that assignments have been completed. We're almost there!

School-year Wrap-up Day May 20

On Wednesday, May 20, teachers will be in the school building to facilitate pick-up and drop-off of books and other materials, and to have a chance to see students – if only briefly – before summer vacation officially begins.

We will conduct the day in accordance with guidelines for drop-off and pick-up of materials for “distance learning” (though, up to now, we haven't chosen to make use of this option). I will have more information next week on procedures. Of course, we will respect the decisions of any families who do not wish to come to school, or who wish to exchange materials at curbside.

The elementary school will be open 10 am – Noon.

Homeroom teachers will be in their classrooms to greet students. Belongings that were left in classrooms or lockers will be in shopping bags labeled with students' names and available near the classroom door. Families will drop off books, other school materials, and any work due. Next week we will provide a list of books and materials to be returned for each grade level.

Mrs. Dowell will be at the front door of the school to implement precautions and retrieve materials upon request. I will be available in my office, and other teachers will be present, as well. We recommend that families with last names beginning with A-K plan to come during the first hour, if possible, and L-Z during the second.

The high school will be open at Noon. Mrs. Collins will be at the front door, and students will be admitted in limited numbers to clear out their lockers and drop off books and any remaining assignments.

High school students and teachers will gather in Edna Balz Lacy Park around 12:15. Incoming 9th graders and other new or prospective students are invited. We will celebrate our 2020 graduate, Avery Shewmaker, and lunch will be provided. Our new high school principal, Mr. Joseph Brake, will attend. We will follow guidelines for social gatherings of under 25.

High School Graduation and 8th Grade Recognition

With the exact timing of the resumption of public Masses still unclear, and questions about what we can do after a Mass, we have not yet finalized plans for the high school graduation.

We do know that we cannot hold our traditional end of year program where we recognize students completing 8th grade. Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Dowell, and Miss Welch have been working with the 8th graders on other ways to celebrate this milestone – as you'll see in the days ahead.

Events This Summer

Light in the City Annual Dinner: Governor Holcomb's five-stage plan for reopening the state allows for events of up to 250 people as early as June 14. So barring unforeseen setbacks, **our annual dinner is set to go for July 12.** We've been in touch with The Montage, and the committee met on Zoom yesterday, and we're moving forward! See today's Weekly Update for the latest developments.

Holy Rosary Italian Street Festival: The Governor's timeline rules out holding the Italian Festival as scheduled June 12-13. I hope the festival will be rescheduled later in the summer and will let you know as soon as I hear anything.

Happy Mother's Day!

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