



# St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

513 Parkside Circle, Streamwood, IL 60107

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Dear Parents and Guardians of St. John the Evangelist School,

Later today, the Archdiocese will be sharing with our families that masks will be required for all students, staff, and visitors of St. John the Evangelist School, regardless of vaccination status. Our teachers did a phenomenal job last year teaching our students, and our students did an ever better job following the school guidelines. While we can't wait for the day that masks can be removed, we will continue to do what is best to keep our students and staff safe and in person. It is our hope and our prayer that measures taken now and scrupulously applied will enable us to adopt a mask-optional policy for vaccinated persons in the future. We are happy that our students will have opportunities to go back to a more traditional classroom setting which includes table groupings, classroom rotations in our junior high and special classes, and activities such as band, sports, field trips, and school masses. We know our students will be successful because they already were last year. We are working hard to create a loving, safe environment for every child to reach their full potential.

One big change from last year is we will not be quarantining an entire classroom. Instead, if a student tests positive, only the students within 3 feet of that student for 15 or more minutes will need to quarantine. We will keep seating charts consistent through the school to guide us. Additionally, any vaccinated students/staff members will not need to quarantine. Parents will have the OPTION to give us their child's vaccination card. We will make a copy and return it to you. In the case of an exposure, the students whose vaccination cards we have on file will not need to quarantine. We will be setting up a time for parents who choose to bring in the vaccination cards to be photocopied and will keep this information confidential.

We will still have our School Supply Drop-off on Sunday, August 15 from 9:00-11:00am. We hope this will give you time to drop off supplies after the 9:00 mass or before the 11:00 mass. We will have the downstairs parking lot door Number 7 open with Mrs. Wennerstrom monitoring. There will be signage in the building guiding you to your students' classroom to drop off the supplies on the tables set up outside each door. Please be aware that we will be limiting the number of people in the building at a time due to Covid safety and will let "one in, one out" if it gets too crowded. Everyone entering the building must wear a mask.

Meet the Teacher night for 1st-8th grade will be on Wednesday, August 18 in the evening. We will get more information to you soon as to if it will be held in person, virtual, or both. Preschool and Kindergarten parents will receive an email this week with information for your Meet the Teacher and Supply Drop Off.

We are very excited to be welcoming many new families to St. John the Evangelist this year. In fact, we have seen such growth in our 1st grade that we will be adding a second classroom this year. Joining Mrs. Kutkowski in 1st grade will be Mrs. Mostardo. She is a wonderful addition to our staff and I can't wait for you to meet here. I asked her to introduce herself to you: *"Hi, my name is Nancy Mostardo and I am so excited and happy to be joining the St. John the Evangelist family. I will be teaching First Grade here at St. John the Evangelist School. I am a Northern Illinois University graduate and am certified in both Elementary Education and Special Education. Before coming to St. John the Evangelist I taught First Grade at St. Colette School in Rolling Meadows for 13 years, and was the First Grader teacher at Queen of the Rosary in Elk Grove Village for 8 years. Teaching is truly my passion and I feel blessed to be part of the academic and spiritual growth of children. The students I teach put a smile on my face. I look forward to meeting the families of the St. John the Evangelist community."*

May God continue to watch over our students, staff, and clergy.

Beth Wennerstrom, Principal