

August 18, 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope this email finds you and your family doing well. My thoughts and prayers are always with you.

I am writing to give you another update with some new or additional information on our Opening of School Plan. Hopefully you received the original email that was sent on August 6th, with our Opening of School Plan.

As it stands now, there will be students who have chosen to come in for in school learning. Those students will attend school full time, five days a week.

The other group of students have chosen remote learning. They will work with the teachers while at home using Zoom, Google Classroom, Seesaw and Live Streaming from the classroom.

The following schedule is for the parents of children doing **REMOTE LEARNING** to pick up text books and Chromebooks (if needed) on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10:**

KINDERGARTEN: 9:00am -9:30am

GRADE 1: 9:30am – 10:00am

GRADE 2: 10:00am -10:30am

GRADE 3: 10:30am – 11:00am

GRADE 4: 11:00am -11:30am

FOR STUDENTS IN **GRADES 5 -8** doing **REMOTE LEARNING**, parents may pick up textbooks and Chromebooks (if needed) using the following schedule on **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11:**

GRADE 5: 9:00am – 9:30am

GRADE 6: 9:30am – 10:00am

GRADE 7: 10:00am – 10:30am

GRADE 8: 10:30am – 11:00am

The teachers will have a **ZOOM CONFERENCE** for the **REMOTE LEARNING PARENTS - GRADES K - 4** on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th** using the following schedule:

GRADE 1 : 12:30pm – 1:00pm

GRADE 2: 1:00pm - 1:30pm

GRADE 3: 1:30pm – 2:00pm

GRADE 4: 2:00 – 2:30pm

KINDERGARTEN: 2:30pm – 3:00pm

*** For the REMOTE LEARNING PARENTS – GRADES 5 -8 : There will be a **ZOOM MEETING** with the teachers on **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th** using the following schedule:

GRADE 5: 12:30pm - 1:00pm

GRADE 6 : 1:00pm – 1:30pm

GRADE 7: 1:30pm – 2:00pm

GRADE 8: 2:00pm – 2:30pm

* PARENTS WITH STUDENTS WHO ARE DOING IN SCHOOL LEARNING will have a **BACK TO SCHOOL ZOOM CONFERENCE** with the teachers using the following schedules:

GRADES 5 to 8 on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14** at 6:30pm

GRADES K to 4 on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15** at 6:30pm

PRE-K on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16** at 6:30pm

During all ZOOM MEETINGS the teachers will certainly try to answer any questions or concerns that you may have. ***Please mark your calendars of these important dates and times and make every effort to participate.***

AFTERCARE:

We will be having the After Care Program using different areas of our school campus. Depending on the number of students, the plan is to use the School Basement, 1st Floor Classroom, and Magnolia Avenue Building to maintain social distancing. We will be sending home a questionnaire next week for you to let us know if you are planning to send your child to aftercare. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that we have a number ahead of time for planning purposes.

LUNCH:

Students will have lunch in the classrooms, at least for the start of the school year. Students can bring their own lunch, or lunch will be available to order and purchase. We feel that this is the safest procedure to use presently.

FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL PROCEDURES -- TEMP CHECKS -- DISMISSAL:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 : GRADES 5 – 8 ONLY FULL DAY OF SCHOOL 8:30am – 2:30pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15: GRADES K- 4 FULL DAY OF SCHOOL 8:30am – 2:30pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16: Pre-K FULL DAY OF SCHOOL 8:30am – 2:20pm

Temperature Checks will be taken in the playground with social distancing *if weather allows*.

Students who have a temperature of 100.4 or higher will not be allowed to go to the classroom and the parent will be called to pick up the child at school.

On *rainy days, or cold weather*, students will enter using the following **DOORWAYS**:

- **Pre-K, Kindergarten, Grade 1** : Will enter and also be dismissed at 2:20 – 2:25 from the **FRONT DOORS** of the school
- **Grades 2, 3, & 4** : Will enter in the morning and be dismissed at 2:25 at the **PARKING LOT DOORS**
- **Grades 5,6, 7, & 8**: Will enter in the morning and be dismissed at 2:30 at the **PLAYGROUOND DOORS**

Again, we are doing this for the safety of the students and to maintain social distancing.

ADDITIONAL REMINDERS:

- Students should have a **MASK EACH DAY** brought from home. Masks **MUST** be worn by every student each day
- Parents will **NOT** be allowed to enter the school building **without an appointment**. Please call the school ahead of time to do this. A Health Screening Questionnaire must be filled out before coming to the Main Office.
- If your child forgets something at home (lunch, book, etc.) You may leave them in a box in the vestibule of the school and we will get it to your child.
- Please **do not enter the school building with your child at any time** before making arrangements with the Main Office ahead of time.
- Parents are reminded that if you must come to the school building with an appointment, you **MUST** wear your MASK and maintain 6 feet social distancing.
- Reminder to families who have **traveled out of the state (except New York), or country, a two week quarantine period must** take place before the student returns to school in September.

I hope this additional information answers some of the questions you might still have regarding the Opening of School Plan.

The teachers and I have been working very hard throughout the summer months to make sure all precautions are being taken for a safe re-opening for in-person learning in the classroom, and also to make a remote learning at home a positive educational experience.

Please note certain guidelines sometimes change from day to day. We will contact you with changes or updates from this email or the previous one that was sent out on August 6th.

God Bless You and thank you again for your support during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

John Richards