

JULY 29, 2020

Dear Parents,

During the last week I have hesitated to email any updates as things are constantly changing and evolving. The one thing in our lives that is not changing or evolving which gives me great comfort is the knowledge that **Jesus and Our Lady are not going anywhere but right here with us** in the midst of this pandemic, enfolding us in their compassion and love. This gives me stability and courage that we are not alone, we are never alone. Know that we walk together and you and your families are always in my thoughts and prayer. I am attaching the letter from our superintendent, Dr. Erin Barisano, which also emphasizes our efforts to reopen our schools fully once we have the permission from the state officials.

There are some updates I can share with you at this time and there will be many more to come in the weeks ahead. **I thank you with a heart full of gratitude** that you are sticking with us in this roller coaster of a ride and that you know that we are doing all that we can to be here for you at this time.

The following staff members will not be returning: Mrs. Beth Donahue, TK Teacher; Mrs. Elsa Gonzalez-Lopez, TK Aide (we congratulate her on the birth of her new daughter); Ms. Karina Arias, Third Grade Aide; Mrs. Lynne Velasco, Fourth Grade Teacher; Mrs., Elizabeth Rosol, Fifth Grade Teacher; Mrs. Gaby Trapp, Spanish Teacher; Mrs. Denise Filipek, Seventh Grade Teacher.

Here are the Faculty and Staff that will be at Saint Anne School this coming year and as you notice there are more teacher aides as when we go back into classrooms, the classes will be divided into two sections for social distancing. Father Antonio and the Jovenes group are creating classrooms within the two halls and the teacher aides will mainly be in the hall classrooms.

Preschool: Mrs. Navarro and Mrs. Alafita

Transitional Kindergarten: Mrs. Jennifer Muecke and Ms. Theresa Ortega

Kindergarten: Mrs. Amy Belello and Ms. Eva Ochoa

Grade One: Mrs. Jennifer St. Pierre and Mrs. Lucila Avina

Grade Two: Mrs. Vanessa Wenninger and Ms. Liz Garrido

Grade Three: Mrs. Patricia Abrahams and Ms. Breanna Serrano

Grade Four: Mrs. Suzanne Loberg and Mrs. Jennifer Lagazo

Grade Five Homeroom: Mr. Colin DeGuzman teaching Grade 5-8 Science and Grade 5 Language Arts

Grade Six Homeroom: Sr. Mary La teaching Grade 5 and 6 Math and Religion

Grade Seven Homeroom: Mrs. Anastasia Ike-Foreman teaching Language Arts for Grades 6-8

Grade Eight Homeroom: Dr. Kimberly Hunley teaching Social Studies for Grades 5-8

Seventh and Eighth Grade Math and Religion: Mr. Kirk O'Neill

Teacher Aide for Grades 5-8: Mr. Andres Zuniga

Physical Education, Student Council and Outside Recess: Mrs. Robin Price

Band, Drum Line and Jazz Band: Mr. Bruno Cilloniz

COVID Coordinator, Nurse, Supplies for COVID: Mrs. Patty Gonzalez and Mrs. Contreras

Due to the high numbers of COVID in Santa Ana, we may have to reopen as Distance Learning, at least for a while. Once the numbers go down in Santa Ana and the health department clears us to be in person, we will do this. The diocese is working on a waiver for us and we hope to obtain one but the reality is that it may take a few weeks. The diocese is also looking into whether or not we can have our Preschool in session and if we can offer Child Care for essential workers or for households where two parents work. If we can do this it will be for only 12 students per teacher/teacher aide. It would be at no additional cost to parents until 2:30 pm. But we as of yet do not have permission to do this although the diocese is working very hard to get this. As soon as I know you will be informed and we will let you know how you might sign up.

Therefore, we are going to have three options (ONCE STUDENTS CAN COME TO SCHOOL IN PERSON).

- 1) **In person once we are allowed**, five days a week, from 8:00 to 2:30 with day care available at an additional cost
- 2). **Hybrid**, students come only on Mondays and Fridays, from 8:00 to 12:00 pm so that they have some direct instruction - the rest is at home with live streaming of their classrooms in the morning hours. All assignments must be turned in for credit on Friday when they return.
- 3). **Distance Learning** from home five days a week with live streaming from their classroom, 8:00 - 12:00 each day, and turning in the work digitally until parents feel comfortable sending their children to school.

Our Distance Learning will be rigorous as teachers will be here on campus and will be teaching the entire morning with live streaming. Whether students are here in school with us or at home, great learning will be taking place. We want our students to be ready on the very first day of school, September 8th to begin classes. Therefore a schedule will be sent out sometime next week or the week after assigning a day for you and your children to come to school to pick up their devices for the year as well as any textbooks they will need. The days that you will be assigned are: August 24, 25, 26, or the 27th. Students will not have to bring any of their supplies to school until the first day we can return to school. It will be only to receive the things they need should we need to do Distance Learning for a time.

May God continue to bless you and your families. Know that you are always in our thoughts and prayer.  
Gratefully, Sr. Teresa