

Dear Parents,

There are many prayers being said to protect us from COVID - 19, and each day I pray for you and your children that you will be protected. Recently I came across one that I would like to share for parents:

Lord,

I admit I fear the unknown. I fear how others will act during this time of uncertainty, how long this will last, and not knowing what the world will look like for my children when this is over. Father, calm my heart. Help me to trust you. Please keep my children safe from this virus. Please allow me to stay healthy so that I can take care of them. Help me to rest at night, so that I have energy and clarity of mind. Keep me focused on you, so that I can fill my children with encouragement and not panic. Help us to not grow weary of one another while we're home together for who knows how long. Show me how to make the most of this time.

Amen

There are a couple of important updates I would like to share with you.

- 1). I submitted the **Waiver** to the Governor's Office through the diocese yesterday. Now it is up to him to grant us the ability to begin our school year on September 8th, in person.
- 2) If the governor should not allow us to begin in person, we will begin with **Distance Learning until we can return to In Person instruction**, which may be a few weeks only as the waiver has been submitted.
- 3). In **two weeks we hope to have an answer** to our waiver and at that point I will immediately send you an update.
- 4). Service Hours are being reduced this coming school year to only 20.

5). At present we have most of our families fully enrolled, but we are waiting for **an additional 40 to enroll so that we have an accurate count** of how many chrome books we need to have on hand.

Those who have enrolled completely, will have chrome books given to them on the day that we pass them out, from Grades 2-8. **If you are not enrolled as of Monday**, your children may not receive their devices until we order them. Because of COVID and the financial restraints put on schools during this time, we will only order as many as we need. Also our classroom size will be limited due to social distancing. We have enquiries about our school each day and are now allowing public school students to enroll if they have good report cards. **We are no longer able to HOLD SEATS for any student not yet enrolled.**

6). We will be sending out a survey that the diocese is asking us to send regarding the **BAND PROGRAM**. Please take time to fill it out.

7). Thank you for filling out the previous survey regarding how you wish your children to return to Saint Anne's. The results were the following:

77.6% were in favor of sending in the waiver to allow in person instruction

22.4% were not in favor of sending in the waiver

70.4% are ready to send their children to school in person, five days a week, if the waiver is approved

29.6% will chose either the Hybrid Option of two days a week, or Distance Learning

We received **98 responses** which is very helpful in our planning for school to begin in 3 weeks.

8). We will be launching a new website by next week. I will let you know when it is fully functional.

This website is much more user friendly. If once it is up and running you see something that could be done better, please let me know as I am the one creating it.

9). Our Preschool will be open for in person instruction on September 8th and we also believe our TK will be also. Kindergarten through Grade 6 will need a waiver and 7th and 8th will be Distance Learning until further notice. We are looking into the possibility of Child Care for 7th and 8th who cannot come to school when we reopen.

10). Our **DISTANCE LEARNING instruction** will look very different than when we were in school from March to June. Here is how it will be different:

- Teachers will be teaching from their classrooms, from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm, with breaks in between should the whole school have to begin with DISTANCE LEARNING

- If we are able to go back to school IN PERSON, those who are in **DISTANCE LEARNING by choice, will be in the RED CLASS** (we are splitting the classes into two if there are more than 17 students). **The RED**

CLASS will take part in the morning with their teachers, either in person or by Distance Learning. The classes will take place from 8:30 to 11:30 am. Those who are IN PERSON will have a lunch then, **time to go outside, and then will move to one of the other classrooms with a teacher aide in the halls. Those who are Distance Learning will then work on any assignments that the teacher has asked them to complete.** Then in the afternoon, the **BLUE CLASS will be taught by their teacher** (they had been with the teacher aide in the morning).

- We have purchased **web cameras and microphones for each teacher** so that there will be quality livestreaming.

- **Students must remain on their devices while the teaching is taking place, students will be expected to interact with the teacher during the 4 hours of instruction.** They will be able to complete their **assignments using google classroom, Freckle, IXL, and will also take part in some Google Zoom meetings as needed.**

- **Grade 2-8 will be using Chrome Books**, while **First and Kindergarten will use iPads**. We hope to have Preschool and TK in person from the first day of school.

All of this will be made much more clear once we know if we were approved for the waiver. Please know that **Patty Gonzalez is on vacation tomorrow and Friday**, but will return on Monday morning.

Let us all remain firm in our faith in our loving Lord who will help us through this frustrating and uncertain time. Let us stay united in prayer. Grateful for your continued trust that we are doing all that we can do for you and your families,

Sr. Teresa



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