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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

August 30, 2020

Dear Parents,

With a little more than eleven hours to go, before the school bell rings for the first time in almost six months, there is a lot of nervous energy with the school staff and I'm sure with our school families. But I can tell you that the teachers and staff have been very busy getting everything ready. We thought that the **Meet the Teacher** evening went very well on Thursday but one missing piece was not being able to see the classrooms, so we have opened the doors virtually. You and the students can get a peek inside their classrooms. Please check out the teacher web pages on our school website to see what the classrooms look like before the week begins. *Tomorrow we will finally hear the sounds of our students' voices in our classrooms and hallways and hopefully, put smiles behind their masks!*

Just a few reminders for some of the procedures beginning tomorrow. Every morning, parents are asked to review the CDC Screening Checklist with/for their child. It is attached to the bottom of this note. Please keep your child home and consult your doctor if they have one or more of these symptoms. Please call school 586-775-8370 and report your child's illness that morning.

The school doors will be open for the students to come in without lining up outside each day. Please refer to the *Arrival map* below for the correct door for each grade level. **All students must wear facial coverings when arriving at school in the morning.** There will be a staff member at each door to welcome the students inside and point them in the direction of their teachers standing at

their classrooms. Students will enter the building as they arrive (anytime between 7:45-7:55 am) and report directly to homerooms. The adults at the door can help with any of the supplies that might be awkward or heavy to carry. Please remember, we are restricting entrance to just the students. We want to limit traffic in the school building for the safety of the students and staff. **Please send the students with a water bottle and a small healthy snack** along with their supplies. We know the students will need to have a break in the mornings this week as we all get used to the structure of a school day again. Dismissal will begin at 11:55 am for students in Gr. 4-8 followed by students in Kdg. - Gr. 3 at 12noon. Please refer to the *Dismissal map* attached below.

Teachers will be spending the first day or two this week reacclimating the students to being in school again after this time away. The teachers will also be introducing the new procedures that will address social distancing in the classrooms as well as the hallways and bathrooms. The hand sanitizer stations and procedures will be reviewed as well as how to take care of the masks so that they are worn and taken properly.

We will all be helping each other through these changes and we will be making adjustments as we go along. We will be evaluating procedures **every day**. The half-days will help us to settle in a little easier without having to face the full-day schedule all at once. We are not doing this alone, we are doing this all together with God at our side.

As with all first weeks back at school we have some events and things to plan for:

- **Summer Reading Lists are due on Tuesday, September 1st** to be eligible for the prize drawings.
- **Picture Day is this Wednesday, September 2nd.** It will be a Dress-Up Day for students being photographed in Kdg - Gr. 7. Please see the Kaiser information sheet that will go home tomorrow.
- **Backpack Blessing** is still to be determined.

I continue to ask that you and your family pray with us as we begin our school year, 2020-2021, together.

May God continue to bless your family abundantly,
Mrs. Kalich

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[Arrival & Dismissal maps](#)



[CDC Screening Checklist](#)

*Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, But with God all things are possible.”
Matthew 19:26*