



## **Monarch Notes**

**2021-2022**

**“I am the Vine. You are the Branches”  
Celebrating 60 years of Catholic Education!**

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**September 5, 2021**

**Dear Monarchs!**

**It was 60 years ago today that St. Edward the Confessor School first opened its doors to students. On that day, a dedicated group of Mercy Sisters greeted over 300 eager boys and girls. The work of those dedicated and amazing sisters continues in just a few short days. The 2021-2022 school year is sure to be very different from that first school year. Our ongoing battle to defeat the Corona Virus pandemic has once again prevented us from returning to the school we had before March of 2020.**

**I know that you join the teachers and me in wishing we could return to a life where we did not need masks or physical distancing. Unfortunately, we cannot control the virus nor the guidelines and regulations that greet this new school year.**

**I have heard from many parents over the last month. With each email, I can feel your frustration, anxiety, and fear. Like last year, we here at St. Edwards will do everything in our power to keep your children safe. Last year, we only had 16 positive cases during the school year, all of them which can be traced back to events outside of school. We hope and pray that we will continue to keep all of our children and staff safe this school year. We will only be able to do it together.**

- Classroom Teachers will be preparing Video Presentations that will be available via Google Classroom on September 15 by 6 p.m. I will also be releasing a special back-to-school message sometime that week as well on our YouTube page.**

- We know that parents look forward to the most at Back to School Night by visiting the classrooms. Our Teachers will be available from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. on the evening of September 10th for a brief meet-and-greets outside, at the PASE welcome back event. In addition, the school building will be open the entire time the event is taking place for parents to tour. We ask that inside the building, all parents wear face coverings and maintain social distance.
- Lunch - The students will be returning to the Cafeteria for lunch. In order to meet the DOH guidelines, the children will be seated appropriately distanced. We believe that our plan in the cafeteria will still allow social interaction while keeping our children safe. We will also have some smaller desks on the side of the cafeteria for any parents who would like their children to have further distance at lunch. If that is your wish, please let your classroom teacher know prior to the first day of school.
- We have had a few parents inquire about medical mask exemptions. In order to qualify for one of these exemptions, you will need to contact the school nurse, and have your child's doctor fill out the form provided by the school district. This form will then be submitted to the district doctor, who will make final determination regarding mask exemption requests. The state has very strict guidelines for allowing these. It is also important to note that children who are granted a mask exemption will be kept a greater distance from other children in the school building in order to comply with NYS DOH Mandates.
- Please complete the following COVID-19 survey as soon as possible.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfkTSBuluFMLM-4heJldliKnLmoB09BLx1KnNoDLamMmYzmZQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfkTSBuluFMLM-4heJldliKnLmoB09BLx1KnNoDLamMmYzmZQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## Week At A Glance

**Monday, September 6, 2021**

Labor Day - No School

**Tuesday, September 7, 2021**

First Day of School - Welcome Back Grades 1-8  
11:30 Dismissal

**Wednesday, September 8, 2021**

Kindergarten Orientation - Parents Only - 10 a.m. - GYM  
First Full Day Grades 1-8

**Thursday, September 9, 2021**

First Day Kindergarten  
Pre-Kindergarten Orientation - Parents Only - 10 a.m. - GYM

**Friday, September 10, 2021**

September 11th Prayer Service 10 a.m. - Flag Pole - Grades 1-8  
Nursery Orientation - Parents Only - 10 a.m. - GYM  
PASE 60th Anniversary Kickoff Celebration 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Teacher Meet and Greet 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
School Open House 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

## From the Nurse's office -

**Please be Aware:** St. Edward the Confessor School follows Syosset School District protocols regarding COVID-19. If your child is symptomatic while at school, they will need a medical evaluation to return to school.

**COVID - 19 Vaccinations -** If you have vaccinated your child for COVID-19, please let the office know for our records.

**IMMUNIZATIONS -** The following is from the New York State Department of Health Website

## Important school immunization information

Within 14 days of the first day of school or daycare, parents must:

- Show proof of their child's up-to-date vaccinations, OR
- Provide a valid medical exemption from vaccination.

In order to attend or remain in school or day care, children who are unvaccinated or overdue must receive at least the first dose of all required vaccines within the first 14 days. They also must plan to receive all follow-up doses at the ages and intervals (time between doses) listed in the recommended vaccination schedule.

## Vaccines required for day care, pre-K, and school attendance

- Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine (DTaP or Tdap)
- Hepatitis B vaccine
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR)
- Polio vaccine
- Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine

## Additional vaccines required for middle school and high school

- Tdap vaccine for Grades 6-12
- Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) for Grades 7-12
  - Students in Grade 12 need an additional booster dose of MenACWY on or after their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday

## Additional vaccines required for day care and pre-K

- Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (HiB)
- Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV)

[NYS DOH FAQ regarding Vaccines](#)

[New York State Vaccine Information on Safety](#)