



September 28, 2020

Dear Families,

As mentioned in last Friday's Family Letter, we are working toward a target date for bringing **Grades 2-5 back on site on Monday, October 12.** Should that re-entry go smoothly and the local infection rates remain positive, we would then hope to welcome back **Grades 6-8 on Monday, November 2.**

Below, please find some follow-up details regarding our re-opening plan and a few answers to anticipated questions.

We've attached a **modified calendar** for the next three months. The changes are necessary once we begin to bring more bodies back onto campus. The allowance for retuning to class carries all of the same distancing, disinfecting and health codes that have become so universally common. Grouping students for spacing and enhanced cleaning requirements are especially impactful here at St. Paul's with the reduction in staffing we experienced last spring.

In order to recoup any time for planning and to allow for the required increased cleaning, we will shift to a **four day a week schedule** (Monday – Thursday) through Christmas break. Students will be assigned independent classwork to be completed at home on Fridays, while the teachers and staff will be on site preparing for the following week. **This new schedule will take effect for all grades, PK-8 beginning Monday, October 12.**

By shifting our Veterans Day / State Admission Day holiday from a Monday to a Friday and taking advantage of days already designated as retreat or professional development days with no classes held, we are able to **minimize the disruption** to home schedules. Between October 16 and December 18, students in Grades PK-5 will work at home on six Fridays, while Grades 6-8 will be impacted only four days.

Also of note, in order to allow for Grade 2-5 teachers to shift their classrooms from remote to direct instruction, **neither of those teachers will be offering online instruction on Thursday and Friday, October 8 and 9.**

I completely understand the effect this new twist has on family life. The staff and I are really praying that this is a temporary adjustment and we can return to the usual pattern by January. Unfortunately, the alternative for our understaffed program would be to remain in remote learning mode indefinitely. I don't believe any of us welcome that alternative.

In preparation for welcoming Grades 2-5 back to campus on Oct. 12, there are **two items of business we ask of you:**

1. Watch for an email from your classroom teacher offering time slots on Thursday and Friday, October 8 and 9, for you to **drop off student supplies** for the classrooms. Getting these on hand prior to the 12th will allow class to begin smoothly with minimal disruption to our physical distancing restrictions. Updated supply lists can be found [HERE](#). This appointment is also a great time to drop off the [Covid Symptom Disclaimer form](#) and return any loaned Chrome Books.
2. We respect and understand family situations which necessitate that students remain home due to health vulnerabilities and/or risk of exposure to family members. Once we shift to in-person instruction onsite, our teachers' primary attention will focus on those in attendance. As allowable, teachers may record or live stream lessons but those lessons will not be interactive, such as the current Zoom calls. The burden to monitor adherence to the assigned lesson and follow-up falls to the family, just as it would for a long-term absence. **If you make the decision for your child to remain at home**, we need you to inform your child's teacher AND the school office NO LATER than this Friday, October 2 so we can determine an accurate class count in preparation for October 12.

For more information on our **Return To School** plan, here is the [link](#) sent out last Friday. It will be updated as the new information becomes available.



St. Paul School Calendar 2020-21 COVID REVISION 9/22/20

SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
31	1	2 Open	3	4				1	2	2 6 th -8th Return	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16 1 st Returns	17	18	12 2 nd -5th Return	13	14	15	16	16	17	18	19	20
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DECEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
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Friday Student Independent Learning Day / Staff Planning and Disinfecting Day



Return to Class (Grades as indicated)



Holiday



Previously scheduled staff development day

N Noon Dismissal

T End of the Trimester

October 16 and November 25 are already scheduled as staff development days.

Veterans Day (observed) moved from Monday, 11/9 to Friday, 11/13.

Noon dismissals Monday and Tuesday, November 23 and 24 for conferences.

Friday Dec.18 is already scheduled as Noon Dismissal.