



August 21, 2020

Dear Families,

Each day brings us a step closer to our first day of classes and the beginning of a year unlike any other. You've heard the line used before, but it really does feel like we're "building the plane while we're flying it!" Thank you for your patience and prayers as we've navigated this great unknown!

As you have been following along, our entire focus has now shifted to opening remotely on September 2 following the health and safety parameters put in place by King County Health, the State and our own Archdiocese. The bullets below will bring you up to speed on where we are as of today!

- While our teachers have long been about the building in preparation, the full school staff returns to campus next Monday, August 24 for our week-long final logistical planning. Information should be speeding your way from this office and individual teachers this week with all you will need to know regarding the first weeks of school.
- Our school formally begins with Mass at 8:30am in the church on 9/2. It is required of us to limit attendance to no more than 100 people – children and adults. A sign-up survey is being sent to you under a separate email today and the link also appears in the banner across the top of our website. **All attendees MUST sign up to enable Covid tracing should the need arise.** This Mass is an expected attendance day for ALL grades. It is a UNIFORM DAY. All students must be in regular Mass attendance uniform.

If there is a rare situation where your child will NOT be able to be with us at Mass and the short informational assembly following, it is expected that they view the proceedings via the established parish video link and that parents report attendance to their homeroom teacher. This attendance day for Grades 1-8 will conclude by 10:00am. More information on that this coming week.

- Remember, PK and K will be allowed on site right after Mass on Wednesday the 2nd. September 2-4 will be half days for them that week with a noon dismissal. If your child is registered for PK or K, you should have received an email inviting you to an open house with the teachers next Friday, August 28 in the window of 9-11am. Please make sure you are signed up for a time slot.
- Also, watch for a very important link to sign-up for your child's mandatory baseline assessment in Reading and Math with her/his teacher. These hour-long attendance windows will also be the time to pick up required texts and materials. We expect to complete these sessions between Wednesday and Friday afternoon in order to begin the

full, online instructional schedule on Tuesday, September 8, following the Labor Day holiday.

- Since the announcement of distance instruction, we have been hard at work on the extensive Remote Learning Plan which outlines what students, parents and teachers can expect this next month until we can return. This plan will be finalized with the teachers on Monday and should be in your hands by Tuesday of next week. It is a long read, but it is important that both you and your child are clear on what will be happening. There is really no experienced roadmap of what any of us are doing, but having reviewed the resources available to us from not only St. George as well as other schools in the archdiocese, I am confident you will be pleased with how we are upping our game this time around.
- Lastly, you will begin receiving continual information regarding the safety protocols for all students and parents when on site. These are not suggestions, but rather requirements for all of us to follow in order to remain open and licensed. If we are to get through these next weeks, we'll all need to work together.

As I said last week, don't let your anxiety build. Call our office for answers. We may not have them yet, but you can bet we're working on them as hard as we possibly can!

Until next week... Much peace!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be the name 'Dan', written in a cursive style.

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