



August 16, 2021

Dear Parents:

Welcome Back! We have been planning once again on making sure we have followed all the procedures recommended by the RI Dept. of Education (RIDE) and the Governor for the **Opening Day** of St. Paul School on **Wednesday, September 1**. Without going into each detail one by one, we have posted our **Updated School Reopening for the 2021-2022 School Year** on our website ([www.saintpaulschoolcranston.org](http://www.saintpaulschoolcranston.org)). The **School Calendar** has also been posted on our website too. By the way, there is only One Distance Learning Day built into this year's calendar (*last year we had six*). We planned it for late September to prepare everyone for what is required and needed (Chrome Book, etc) on any snow days or cancellations we may have later on this winter.

We all need to continue to be ready for any changes which may occur for this coming school year and to be aware that things will continue to still be very different. We are preparing as we did last year for the Full In-Person Learning. As with anything, this could change at anytime per either the Governor or RI Commissioner of Educations mandate or recommendations.

Compared to last year, things have improved somewhat. However, we are still working to be as prepared as we possibly can be, and to keep all of you and all of our students safe and healthy.

**\*Mask use once again will be required by both students and Faculty regardless of vaccination status .**

We would suggest that all students bring two mask to school with them each day just in case. And as we all know, students must follow **social distancing** that is required in all public places throughout the day which is now recommended at 3 feet vs. 6 feet.

Students will be having their **lunch** once again in the school cafeteria. Students will be spaced out the recommended 3 foot social distance at their table.

And for **parents**, we would appreciate that when you drop off your child at school please do not enter the school which has still been recommended for the health and safety of all by the RI Dept of Health and RIDE. As for any doctor or dentist appointments, send in a note with your child and they will be sent down to the office at that time. Parents can wait for them in the front hallway enclosure. If you have any questions you can call the School Office. The less we have of individuals entering our school the better for everyone with this terrible virus.

## ENTERING SCHOOL BUILDING

As for students entering the school building, we will follow the same procedure as we did last year with the following process:

- Pre-K 3 & 4 yr. olds will enter by the side door facing the Scandinavian Home with a camera and doorbell for parents to use for their child to enter.
- Kindergarten and Grade 1 students will enter by the side door facing the church with a camera and doorbell as well to use for their child.
- Students from Grades 2-8 will enter the front door entrance only. Students will proceed to the school cafeteria where a Teacher Assistant will be watching them. Students will be able to go outside until 8:15 when the school bell will be rung. Students will then proceed to their classroom at this time. Morning prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance will be said in the classroom.
- **Masks will be worn at all times while indoors.** In general, students are not required to wear a mask while outdoors.

## NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR FACULTY

We have had several new additions to our faculty and staff this year. Some of our faculty have gone on to other endeavors and we wish them the best. As for our new members to the St. Paul School Community, I introduce you to the following:

**Kindergarten-** Karissa Garganese -B.S from Rhode Island College in Early Childhood Education.

**Grade 1-** Nicole Fontenault-B.S from University of Phoenix in Human Services (completing her certification in Early Childhood Education).

**Grade 2-** Chandra Laurito- Ms. Laurito as you know was the Teacher Assistant in Kindergarten. She has now been promoted to Grade 2. She has completed her degree at CCRI being awarded certification in Foundations for Early Learning & Development Standards. She is currently pursuing her certification in Early Childhood Education.

**Grade 5-** Sabrina Valenza- B.S. from Sacred Heart University (continuing her certification at Providence College in Elementary Education Gr. 1-6).

**Middle School Math & Science** - Connor Lamoie-B.A. from URI in English. Mr. Lamoie is currently working towards his Master's Degree at Providence College and Teaching Certification Program in Secondary Education.

**Library** - Sabrina Conroy is a parent of two children currently attending St. Paul School. Mrs. Conroy also has a background in Library Science.

## SPECIAL OPEN HOUSE & ORIENTATION DAY

On **Tuesday, August 31**, parents are invited to attend an **Open House** with their children. We will be open from **9-2:00**. Teacher's will be available to review information to families required for the 2021-2022 school year. Everything from filling out Emergency Cards to Lunch Forms will be discussed. This is a great time, *especially now*, to visit with your child's teacher to know what is and will be expected from them throughout the classroom in the school year ahead.

### **Student Handbook**

Most of you should have reviewed the St. Paul School Student Handbook last year on our website, [www.saintpaulschoolcranston.org](http://www.saintpaulschoolcranston.org). There are new additions/revisions to the Student Handbook please be on the look out for it on our website. Both parents and students must sign off on this Handbook after reviewing it. Please be aware that the Student Handbook is enforced throughout the year.

### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

#### **Lunch Program**

**Albertino's Pizza** will still be providing our school lunches every day this year. The cost for a slice of pizza is still \$2.50 on Friday's. Lunch orders from Monday-Thursday are still \$4.00. **Our lunch Program will begin on Tuesday, September 7** (Please remember to send exact change when filling out lunch form) so **don't forget to pack a lunch for the first week of school!** The price of milk is still **50 cents**.

#### **Emergency Care Cards-Most Important for All Students!**

New Emergency Care cards will be sent home the first day of school. Please complete and **return them ASAP-especially if you plan to have your child in our After-School program which will begin on Tuesday September 7.**

#### **School Uniform Policy**

As you should know by now, we changed our school uniforms over to **Tommy Hilfiger**. We informed parents last March of this new uniform change in many of our Newsletters. You can go to our website at [www.saintpaulschoolcranston.org](http://www.saintpaulschoolcranston.org) to find out more information on how to order your child's uniform. This new uniform must be worn with the St. Paul School logo by all students!

#### **School Bus Transportation**

First Student provides bus transportation for Providence residents. Cranston Public Schools provides bus transportation for Cranston residents. Times for pickup and drop off are published in the Providence Journal and Cranston Herald a week before the opening of school. Cranston mails bus passes directly to student's home addresses. Providence requires every student to complete a bus request form to receive transportation. If you live in Providence and have not sent in a form you will not be getting a bus pass. St. Paul School does not receive Providence bus passes until just before the start of the school year. Passes will be given to students on the first day of school.

### **After-School Program**

Our After-School Program is offered every day from 2:30-5:30 pm. **Only students from Pre-K 3 to Grade 5 are eligible to attend due to covid-19 limitations.** Please remember, invoices will be emailed bi-weekly. Remember this program goes to 5:30 only! Parents who continuously show up later will NOT be able to have their children continuing to attend.

The cost of this program is still **\$7.50 per hour.** This program offers snacks, supervised homework/study, and play. **The After-School Program begins on Tuesday, September 7 as long as you have provided the necessary paperwork.**

### **Morning Care Program**

We will offer once again the opportunity for parents to drop off their child before school begins at 8:15. From **7-7:45am** parents can drop off their child to be escorted to the auditorium where one of the Teacher Assistants will be there to greet and watch over them. **There is NO COST for this program!**

### **The School Day**

Students in Grades 2-8 who arrive after 7:45 will now go down to the cafeteria. Depending on the weather conditions, students will be able to go outside. Masks are not required when outside. When the school bell is rung at 8:15, students will go directly to their classrooms. Students who arrive after 8:30AM should report to the secretary's office to sign in so as not to be marked absent. Students are expected to be on time. **Habitual tardiness will be brought to the attention of the parents by the principal** (*Please see Student/Parent Handbook on this issue*). Poor attendance and tardiness directly affect a child's success in numerous ways; emotionally as well as scholastically.

Enjoy what is left of summer! I hope you will join me in looking forward to a BETTER year ahead. See you on either **Tuesday, August 31 at Open House** or on the **1st day of school on Wednesday, September 1!**

*Mr. Corry*

**\* Beginning on September 1, ALL students will wear their NEW school uniforms (not gym uniforms).**