

August 24, 2020

Dear Parents:

I hope everyone is enjoying the last days of summer. As we get closer to our **1st day of school on Monday, September 14** (let's hope this doesn't change), I wanted to let everyone know about how things are going as we prepare for our reopening of St. Paul School. By the way, before I begin, please know that our **Reopening Plan** is also on our website too www.saintpaulschoolcranston.org which goes into more detail on our plans throughout the school year.

In the following details are what is to be expected as your child enters St. Paul School on **Monday, September 14**. We have purchased for the health and safety of all our students and members of the St. Paul Community (faculty, staff and parents) the items recommended by the RI Department of Health (RIDOH) guidelines to make sure everyone is as safe as possible as they enter the school building. However, everyone must from this point on, follow the rules as posted throughout the school and be as I often used to say to my own children, a *rule follower*:

- First and foremost, everyone must wear a **face mask** at all times as they enter the school and throughout the day. Teachers will be having *mask breaks* at certain times of the day as well. Students should bring 2 masks with them each day. We will also have extra's if needed for them too.
- Everyone must maintain their **social distance** as they have been doing for the last several months just like the grocery stores or any place for that matter--Please remind your child as we will each day.
- Every classroom will have **hand sanitizer dispensers** that we purchased for students to wash their hands at anytime. Especially before they eat and after using the restroom--which will also have soap and paper towels in them. We also purchased a **Hand Sanitizer Dispensing Floor Stand** with a **foot pedal** at the top of the stairs as you enter the first floor.
- Bathrooms throughout the school will be cleaned and sanitized on a continuing basis throughout the day. We have purchased a **Portable Electric Misting Sprayer** to efficiently disinfect and sanitize tables, chairs, walls, etc. daily. Bathroom breaks will be monitored closely.
- We have purchased a couple of **Touch-less thermometers** to check students temperatures when they are entering the school each day.
- When students from **Kindergarten to Grade 8** enter the front of the building, they will be greeted by either me or another staff member. Signage has been marked off with the proper 6' distance between them. They must wait until told to enter. They will follow the arrows as marked and proceed up the stairs to the immediate right. Teachers will be in their classrooms each day at 7:45 am.
- School officially begins at 8:15 when the bell rings. Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance will be done in classrooms.
- Students in both **Pre-K 3 & Pre-K 4** will have a separate entrance to enter the building. It is by the side of the school facing the Scandinavian Home. A camera and doorbell has been installed and is by the door. Mrs. Bolanos, Mrs. Larsh or Mrs. Sanberg will let greet you to let your child in. Remember what I said in my previous Welcome Back letter on

8/5 (I hope everyone read it!), parents are not allowed to enter school at that time for the safety of all students and members of the faculty & staff.

- Anytime students have recess outside, teachers will also **squirt hand sanitizer** each time on their way back into the school. Any outside equipment students play with each day will also be sanitized by classroom teachers too.
- Each day, teachers will review with students a **reminder** once again of the need and importance to follow the rules each day.
- Students will **eat in their classrooms** each day with their teacher (I will be stopping in too). Students will still have recess after--staggered per class times.

We will also plan on having on a rolling poster board we purchased the **Established Screening Policy** set forth by RIDOH for COVID-19. This poster board will be located on the 1st floor and will be blocking students from turning left towards the office or Pre-K classrooms. It will then be moved aside by me each day after 8:30 am. Just like many businesses, we need to block off certain areas for the safety and health of all individuals.

Heaven forbid, but we must be prepared if it does happen, if any child develops signs of illness or have a temperature of 100 F or higher will be assessed by the Office Secretary. They will be brought to wait in an **Isolation Room** we have set aside with supervision until picked up by a parent/guardian as soon as possible but must be within one hour. Parents/guardians will be advised to seek medical advice for their child within 48 hours and to schedule a COVID-19 test as/if needed.

And most importantly as well, I wanted to mention about our classrooms. Classrooms from Pre-K 3 to Grade 1 will have **plexi-glass** installed on their tables separating students. Grades 2 & 3 will have **desk top plexi-glass shields** placed on their desks. Students in Grade 4-8 desks have already been measured and are at the social distance of 6 feet between them.

By the way, speaking of classrooms, we are now full in our Kindergarten with 20 students. Due to the new requirements on social distancing and the safety and health of our students, we can no longer put 24 students in classes. As for our other classes, we are almost full in both Grade 1 and 3 too (only 2 openings left in each class to make 20).

As I have said many times in the past, these are unprecedented times we are in. We have planned and will continue to review our plans daily. We are doing the best we can for our students (and their families) and members of our faculty and staff. As we continue to move forward, please be patient with us with that new word I'm hearing more and more as we do move forward, *flexibility* when and if needed!

Mr. Corry



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