

ST. PAUL SCHOOL NEWS

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Principal's News



Not exactly how I usually welcome everyone back, but under the circumstances, this will have to do. With just a couple of weeks under our belt, I believe we are doing pretty good so far. Though that could change on a day to day basis with COVID-19. We've had several students who have already been tested and thankfully have all come back negative.

I wanted to clarify to parents though that when you are asking your child each day about if they have any COVID symptoms (which I hope you are doing daily), that stomach aches are not one of them. And furthermore, if they just have a head ache alone, they don't need to get tested--unless you want to. I've attached to this newsletter once more the symptoms to be on the look-out for and for the need to be tested.

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It's been a work in progress for all of us during this time. I watch the news each day to see if there are any changes made or something we need to do different. From everything I have read and seen so far, we are doing exactly what we are supposed to be doing. And that is wearing masks, washing our hands regularly and keeping our social distance. As for the school upkeep, our maintenance person is doing a great job cleaning non-stop from the front door railings to the third-floor railings to all our bathrooms constantly. The teachers are forever cleaning their student desks and tables as well.

But please remember and know this as we move forward, no matter how good we do on our end, it still remains on Governor Raimondo, RI Commissioner of Education Angelica-Infante Green and RI Health Director Dr. Nicole Alexander-Scott on what scenario we remain in from this point moving on. There are four scenario's and we are in the first one with Full In-person instruction as of now. Last March 13 we only had one! If or when it would change, you would probably hear it just as soon as I do from the local news. Let's just hope everyone else is following the rules!

I've also had Mrs. Keane attach the October calendar as she usually does. But for this October, we have a few more events to be on the look-out for more than usual. We begin a **Teacher Professional Development & Distance Learning Day** during October (Monday, 10/19) for Grades 1-8. This is due to the school buses not running on those days to making sure students and teachers keep up with how we can still perform distance learning instruction when we need it for the future.

Our Pre-K 3 & 4 yr. old program and Kindergarten may remain here on those days provided we operate under the guidance for daycare formats/guidelines according to the Governor's Chief of Staff, Kevin Gallagher, which we do--even if the state went to the 4th Scenario of total distance learning too!

By the way, our distance learning will consist of Google Classroom and Google Meet as mentioned in a previous email to parents. It's important for your teacher to know now that if you don't have a chrome book or laptop at home to let us know now. Not if or when one is needed later down the road. I've ordered 25 more chrome books, we have 25 now, but so hasn't everyone else on the planet too for schools or home use. When they are to be delivered is anyone's guess.

Please be on the look-out for either an email sent to you or your child bringing it home information about our upcoming **Parent/Teacher Conferences on Friday, October 16**. Due to COVID-19, parents will NOT be coming to school to meet with their child's teacher. You will have the opportunity to either have a Phone call or a Zoom meeting with them instead. It's very important that you get that form sent home or emailed to you back to your child's teacher to set up a time. *Discussions will be held to 20 minutes only per parent so that everyone will have the opportunity to meet.*



And last but not least, we will be having our **Annual Flu Clinic** on **Tuesday, October 20** from **2:30-4:00** for both students and their families in the school auditorium. You can register online at www.schoolflu.com for forms or you can fill one out when you arrive that day. I'm not a doctor, but I can't think of a better time to get a flu shot with what's going on around us today. Between COVID-19, the flu and the common cold season coming up, anything that can be taken to help offset one of those viruses can only help in the long run.



Next month the teachers will get out their newsletters to you by the end of the month as they normally do. With so much going on now, and with a shorter month in September, they'll be ready next month.