

August 12, 2020

Dear Parents:

As I have said all along these last few months, we need to be flexible. No sooner had I sent out my Welcome Back letter to you last week, changes will be needed as to the 1st Day of School-as well as a couple of more changes too. Since all schools will be following the guidelines from Governor Raimondo, the RI Department of Education Commissioner Angelica-Infante Green, and Health Director Dr. Nicole Alexander-Scott **Schools (St. Paul School) will now open on Monday, September 14** (instead of Monday, August 31).

This date gives us a little more breathing room to make sure we are all set for the health and safety of everyone entering St. Paul School this September. It seems like more school systems and colleges throughout the country, especially in New England are pushing their opening of school dates back a couple of weeks to make sure everything is as safe as possible for students returning.

Teachers will now have a little more time to prepare for whatever is thrown their way for the future. Considering that when all schools shut-down last March, many teachers throughout Rhode Island and elsewhere were unprepared and had to learn as they went along. We'll be ready this time!

As for some other changes, we're going to push the **Meet & Greet** for the Early Learning Foundation (ELF) grades Pre-K3 to Grade 2 to Friday, September 11 from 9-2 pm instead of Friday, August 28. Mrs. Larsh as Coordinator of this program will be sending out information to parents on this program in the weeks ahead.

Please make sure your child brings a **Bag Lunch** for the first week. We will be sending home lunch forms that first week to prepare for the following week to begin the lunch program. Don't forget to a pack *water bottle* as well, we can't use the water fountains.

And for our **After-School Care Program** for just Grades Pre-K 3 to Grade 3 for now, paperwork will go home that first week too and begin the following Monday, September 21.

Hopefully I have covered the changes needed from my original letter, if not, I'll be sending out more emails in the future. I've attached our **School Calendar** to this email. If there are any changes, I'll let you know. Remember once more, we need to be flexible throughout this process.

Once again, I'll see you now on the first day of school on **Monday, September 14** (or at the Meet & Greet for the ELF program). If I hear of any more changes, I'll be contacting you once more!

**Mr. Corry**



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