



August 20, 2020

Dear Preschool Parents,

I am delighted to welcome you to the **2020-21** school year! Our Preschool is a place of Light, Learning, and Love where your children will grow academically, physically, and spiritually as we partner in their learning journey. This letter provides information about the beginning of school. Please read it carefully.

Preschool Parent Orientation

We will have a Preschool Orientation for all parents on Tuesday, **September 1st**, **outside behind the Preschool building**. We will meet for a brief, informative meeting, where parents will have the opportunity to ask questions and receive an information packet for their child's program. Parents only please.

Three and four-year-old parents will meet at 10:00 a.m.

Transitional Kindergarten parents will meet at 11:00 a.m.

Meet the Teacher

This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to meet their teacher before school begins. This will be held on **Friday, September 4th**, **outside behind the Preschool building**.

3 and four-year-old classes will meet at 10:00 a.m.

Transitional kindergarten class will meet at 11:00 a.m.

First Day of School

St. Rose Preschool will open its doors on **Tuesday, September 8th**. This will be a shortened day for Prek 4's and Transitional Kindergarten students to slowly acclimate them to the classroom. Dismissal will be at 11:45.

3 year olds will have a regular 11:45 dismissal

Safe Practices

Every class will become a cohort with limited exposure to people outside of classmates, teachers and parents. There are 2 classrooms dedicated to each of the programs to ensure distancing. As long as the weather cooperates, much of the learning will take place outdoors with proper supervision. The Preschool building has been thoroughly cleaned and sanitized; excess materials have been removed; all surfaces and learning tools will be cleaned daily. Bathrooms will be constantly cleaned as well.

Curriculum

The health and safety of all students and staff is our number one priority. Preschoolers learn through active, hands on exploration. The classroom will incorporate centers and activities so that children can move around the room. Teachers will reduce the number of students per area, and enhanced cleaning practices will be implemented with toys, games, manipulatives daily.

Face Masks

Preschool teachers will wear masks. According to the Re-Opening Plan and guidelines issued by the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Bridgeport children under the age of 5 are not required to wear masks if they are properly distanced. St. Rose School will follow these guidelines but to maximize safety will require children to wear masks upon arrival and departure from the building as well as during times when they are not 3 to 6 feet apart (e.g., centers, lining up for recess).

Preschool Hours 2020-2021

Three Year Olds, 2-Day and 3-Day: 8:45 - 11:45 a.m.

All other classes are 8:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Before-school Care at 8:00 a.m. (additional fee) - If you would like to enroll your student in before school, contact beforeschoolpk@srles.com and also copy your preschool teacher.

Enrollment is done by the month.

Extended-day / Hour Care 1:45 – 2:45 PM (additional fee) - Contact Karen Coppola at admissions@srles.com prior to the start of school to arrange details and discuss the fee.

Weather Related Closings/Delays and Early Dismissals

Please save 956-64 to your iphone contacts under 'St. Rose Important Information'. School Closings, delays, early dismissals and other important information will come from this number. We will send a test early in the year.

Weather/Emergency Delays - When there is a **2-hour delay**, all preschool classes (Pre-K 3 year old, Pre-K 4 year old and Transitional Kindergarten) will begin at 10:15 a.m.

For a **3-hour delay**, Pre-K 4 year old and Transitional Kindergarten classes would come in at 11:15 a.m. Pre-K 3 year old class would be cancelled if the delay is 3 hours.

Weather/Emergency Early Dismissals - When there is an early dismissal, all Pre-K classes will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

Absences, Tardies and Early Pick-ups

Email your preschool teacher by 8:30 if your student will be absent, tardy or picked up early. All illness related absences are required to be reported to the teacher, nurse (nurse@srles.com) and secretary (secretary@srles.com).

Drop-off and Pick-up- To protect staff and students, families are asked to remain outside and will not be allowed inside during drop off and pick-up. Temperature checks will be taken outside the car, and the child will be escorted into the building with the assistant.

Students will be dropped off using the following procedure:

1. Enter the parking lot by way of the entrance by the white religious education building.
2. Bear left and drive up the second aisle toward the main school
3. Turn right and pull up to the sidewalk in front of the Preschool building.

Students will be picked up using the following procedure.

1. Parents will park their car and line up on the sidewalk.
2. Pre-K three and four-year-olds will pick up at the main entrance of the preschool, and TK parents will pick up at the side entrance of the preschool building.

Please note: It is important to stick to the school schedule. There will be a \$10.00 late fee if children are picked up ten minutes or more after dismissal time. If there is an emergency please contact the school to let us know.

Health Forms and Other Records

Health forms and immunization records as well as copies of birth certificates and baptismal certificates (if appropriate) are due prior to the first day of school. **(By state law, every preschool child must have a current health form on file with the school nurse.)** Health forms can be found on the school website under the Admissions tab (Admission Forms). Have your doctor complete the form based on a physical performed within the last 13 months and send it to the school nurse. Then, if your child has an annual physical during the school year, you can have an updated form sent to the nurse at that time. Email Bonnie Nezvesky at nurse@srles.com with any questions a

Communication

Weekly newsletters from the School Principal and the Preschool teachers, school closings and emergency information as well as other notifications will be sent via email. You will be receiving instructions about how to activate your account shortly.

Enjoy the remaining weeks of summer with your family. We look forward to seeing you at orientation on September 2nd.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bardhyl Gjoka". The script is cursive and fluid.

Mr. Bardhyl Gjoka

Principal

ST. Rose of Lima School