

Dear St. Rose Families,

Our doors have reopened to the children of St. Rose School and our hearts are overflowing with the joy that these days have brought to all of us! The planning and anticipation and the what if's, that have been pondered over the summer months, were well worth the gift of seeing our children in our hallways and classrooms! The smiling eyes of our children brought us a sense of peace as well; and a continued belief that we will get through this, together! They took things in stride and went with the flow, under the guidance of a team of teachers, who truly showed their love for each one of them!

"Children are not only innocent and curious but also optimistic and joyful and their laughter will make your heart melt! They remind you that faith and hope can make all things possible!"

Of course those of you who have been in our community for awhile know I could go on and on; but, I'll stop here and use that familiar phrase "a picture is worth a thousand words" and share the link to the days of those coming back, those joining a new school, prayer, recess, and other memories created along the way on our first days!

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RJovnZJ4DDVg9OUrsiKZd4KZ9z6_9lGO?usp=sharing

Distance Learning:

If you have signed up for Distance Learning, please be reminded we begin on September 10. Families who opted for Distance Learning will be contacted with specific details about books and schedules.

Arrival and Dismissal:

We appreciate your patience during these initial days as we work to provide a safe and timely morning drop off and afternoon pick-up. After having all students in the building on Friday, we realize that we need to amend our procedures slightly to ensure continued safety for all; as well as be respectful of everyone's time.

Please see the new Car Walk map that is included in this newsletter.

We are changing the entrance for cars at this time, again for safety and timing. Our car walk program does impact the bus traffic in the parking lot so we want to make sure we keep all traffic moving safely during these times.

- *Cars will now enter the parking lot through the middle entrance, closer to the church.*
- *Go to the right then make a quick left and down the aisle between the parking lanes on the side of the church*
- *Cars should then proceed to the area by the stairs nearest the soccer field*
- *Please refer to the REVISED map included in this newsletter*

We would like 4 cars to pull up and drop off at one time. This is for cars where students can easily exit on their own and parents remain in the car.

If your child needs assistance getting out of the car and gathering their belongings, and parents need to exit the car to help:

- *We ask that instead of being in the line of 4 cars, that you pull up, parallel to the soccer field*
- *Help your child out of the car, collect their belongings*
- *Then walk them safely to the stairs, using the area between your car and the field to keep everyone safe*
- *See REVISED map*

Just a reminder of our other arrival and dismissal procedures:

Students arriving by bus:

- *Will be dropped off at the front doors of the school*
- *Grades K-5 will enter through the doors under the red awning (Primary Wing)*
- *Grades 6-8 will enter through the main doors.*

Students arriving by car:

- *Will be dropped off by the stairs nearest the soccer field*
- *Students needing assistance should be dropped off further down along the soccer field; see map and instructions above*
- *They will walk up the stairs and head to the same doors as the bus students*
- *Once students have entered the building they will go directly to their classrooms*

At the end of the day, students will remain in their classroom until their bus or name(car walk students) is called for dismissal.

8th grade bus buddies will help our younger students go to and board their buses.

Car walk students will be called by last name. Students will go to the foyer of the Gathering Hall. An 8th grade helper will line up families following social distancing protocol. The groups will then be walked out to the car walk line to their cars.

Every car that arrives for pickup must have the placard displayed with the student's last name so that the 8th graders can easily see and log the name.

What we need our parents to do:

- *Please have the placard displayed so that the 8th grade helpers can easily see your name.*
- *Keep car windows closed.*
- *Placards were distributed the first day of school.*

We appreciate your understanding, during these first weeks, as we resolve any conflicts with the system. Thank you for your patience while we work to get it just right!

Before and After Care:

Before and After Care begin on Tuesday.

Before care is available beginning with early morning drop off at 7:00am (there is a charge for this service).

Students needing aftercare should use the form in this newsletter to sign up for the days they will use this service. Aftercare operates until 6pm.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication; for believing in Catholic Education, and most important, for entrusting your precious children to us each school day! We are thrilled to all be in the hallways and classrooms once again!

Kind Regards! Stay Well!

Mrs. B