

September 2, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Labor Day will be here very soon which is always a sign that the summer's over and it is time to return to school. I am excited to announce that St. Rose of Lima will reopen with a staggered start next week by following the attached Orientation Day schedule. Please refer to this version as it is slightly revised.

All students should report to school on Tuesday, September 15th in their uniform between 7:30am and 7:45am. Details about everything will be explained at Orientation. For now just be sure to arrive at Orientation at your designated time and correctly assigned door. Please remember to bring: school supplies; summer work; last few pages of Family Handbook signed (including Technology and Changing form if applicable, and of course the completed daily wellness form which has been revised).

Please also read the FAQ Doc 4 which is below. Each FAQ document contains either new questions or the same questions with updated information so please read everything. Attached is also a slightly updated special events calendar, a newly updated daily form, and an easy to read return to school illness form that explains when your child needs to stay home.

At this time I need to ask you for your support. Please be sure that you comply with state regulations outside of school and policies we have established at St. Rose that have been given to us from the state. The St. Rose Task Team has discussed regulations and made logical and creative policies that we believe best fit the needs of our school. Such decisions have been made from information I have been given from Zoom meetings attended during the summer. Such professional gatherings have included input from Principals throughout the state, as well as meetings with Dr. Alexander-Scott of the RIDOH, the Commissioner of Education Angelica Infante-Green, Governor Raimondo and of course the Catholic School Superintendent. Policies may change as we go along but as we open we ask for your support in the measures we have in place with our reopen plan.

**In Partnership,
Mrs. Kim D. Izzi**

FAQ #4

Will the faculty and staff members need to complete a screening form each day?

Yes. Mrs. Nathanson has created a Google form for faculty and staff to submit each morning. If this works as anticipated we may be able to use a similar form for families. One thing to note: The form must be completed BEFORE entering the building.

Is there an easy to read document to tell when/if an adult or student may return to school after displaying symptoms or being in contact with a COVID exposure?

Yes. The portal (coming soon) and will be sent home. It is also attached. [See Flow Chart located on classroom pages.](#)

Do I need to provide documentation when my student returns from an absence?

Yes. There is a form for after-illness absences that needs to be filled out by a parent or guardian and returned the day the student comes back to school. This form can be found on the school website, classroom webpages, and the portal.

[You need to bring to school the daily health form and the second form is the RIDE After-Illness Return Attestation Form. It is the first time we are sending it to you.](#)

Why is there an update in the screening tool/form?

Information we receive regarding COVID mitigation is constantly evolving. The new form is easy to read and has been updated. [It was revised by the Catholic School Office and it is required that you use it every day. You will receive copies at orientation. However, in the future, you will have to make your own copies. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS FORM.](#)

Will students take the fall STAR Math and Reading assessment?

Yes. Students will take the STAR Reading and Math starting September 17th-22nd.

Will pupils wear a mask during recess?

Yes. According to Dr. Alexander-Scott, this specific issue was discussed at a Zoom meeting last week. Students will need to wear a mask at recess if they are engaging in a game with another student. If they choose to sit, read, draw independently, more than 6 feet apart when the class is outside the mask may be taken off. At St. Rose we believe following this protocol is the safest approach.

How often will mask breaks take place?

Hourly. Teachers will administer a break that fits their class's best needs. Mask breaks will take place outside. In the event of inclement weather, mask breaks will take place inside but students will need to be in their assigned seat and silent (during this time, students will be able to draw or read silently, etc.). Silence during indoor mask breaks is a protocol that was discussed during a Zoom meeting with RIDOH last week.

Do Pre-K students need to wear a mask?

Sometimes! Recent information on this has changed and is in some ways conflicting. It is strongly recommended Pre-K students wear a mask at all times. However, it will only be required at St. Rose when the child is in the following environments: entering school, in hallways, in the restroom, dismissal, and of course at Morning Care or Kids' Haven, recess, and P.E.

How many masks will my student need to bring?

Each student is encouraged to wear one mask to school and carry **2** extra masks in their backpack each day. If a student forgets their mask or needs another, the teacher or office will have disposable masks available. Some students may find it more comfortable to change their mask after lunch, and still have an extra clean one just in case.

What kind of masks should my student(s) wear?

RIDOH recommends children and adults wear a two-ply cloth washable mask or medical disposable mask to school and during school hours each day. Face coverings such as neck gaiters and bandana are not allowed during school hours. At Orientation, students will receive a black safety breakaway lanyard to hook their mask too.

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Do students need to be six feet apart?

No. As long as other measures of prevention are taken pupils do not need to be six feet apart. We will be implementing handwashing, hand sanitizing, collection of daily forms, and return to school forms, and mask-wearing as additional measures of precaution. Students will be a minimum of three feet apart at school. Mandating six feet apart would not allow us to open in-school learning for all due to space. We have placed arrows for drop off as well as in the hallways to control the flow of movement around the school.

If choosing remote learning during in-school learning when do I need to decide on this?

Soon. We are extending the date for this to Monday, September 14th by 8:00 am. Please email the Principal and your child's Homeroom Teacher. The Homeroom Teacher will contact you via email and send you a Zoom or Google Meet link on September 14th. You must remain a participant of the remote program for all of Trimester One.

How do you register for Kids' Haven?

Yes, On-line. Kids' Haven begins September 21st along with Morning Care. Pre-registration for Kids' Haven is required. Those who responded to the

survey sent this summer will have a Google form link emailed to them. If you do not receive a copy of the form by the end of the week you can email Mrs. Nathanson (jnathanson@saintroseschool.com).

Will Tumblebus be offered?

Not at this time.

Will those that opt for a remote program take the STAR test this Trimester?

No. Last Spring we did not administer STAR testing because in order for the results to be accurate the test must be administered at school and be done consistently with how all pupils take the test.

Can you opt from in-school learning to a remote program during the trimester?

Yes, anytime. Families need to email the Principal and Homeroom Teacher to make arrangements. However, if you do choose remote learning students will not be able to return until Trimester 2 starts.

Can our family still travel?

Yes. Please follow state guidelines on travel including visiting states of high risk. You will need to show that you have been tested for COVID-19 upon returning from a high risk location or quarantine for 14 days upon return.

Why is the Mother/Son event omitted from the attached school event calendar?

According to COVID-19 regulations, such an event is presently not permitted due to its gathering size. At the advice of the PTO, we asked to opt out of the contract. We may rebook a venue if regulations on gatherings change.

Will the school calendar change?

A slightly revised version to June will be sent out within the next two weeks.

Will Grade 4 be 1:1 with Chromebooks this year?

Yes. Because of the uncertainty of the school year being entirely in-school and the current guideline of not sharing supplies, it was felt this was an appropriate use of the Chromebooks in the library cart. Grade 4 must sign the technology form along with all other students receiving a Chromebook.

Will 4th grade students receive a case like the middle school for their Chromebook?

No. Currently, there is no plan to purchase Chromebook cases. Though we have dismantled the Chromebook cart, we are not sure that this is permanent.

Can I pick my child up for an appointment and return the same day?

No. Due to guidelines, contact tracing requirements and possible exposure, students may not leave and return to school for appointments on the same day.

What kind of shoes should my child wear?

Students will be allowed to wear sneakers with uniforms this year due to increased time outdoors.

Why are there no fall sports?

We did not have enough interest to fill our cross country and tennis teams. We plan to continue with CAL basketball in the winter.

What are the restrictions at recess?

Students will not be allowed to use the playground balls or playground equipment at this time. Students may NOT bring footballs, tennis balls, basketballs, etc. from home. Rosebuds and Prek-4 can use the small playground equipment.