

September 10, 2020
School Newsletter

Good afternoon! As I promised, I would email families as soon as I heard an update on the waiver for St. Ann School. Much to my delight, when I checked my email first thing this morning, I received the news that our waiver was approved! We can officially reopen on Monday, September 14. While we are ecstatic and relieved, the waiver, for now, will only allow students in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade to return to our school campus. As state restrictions loosen in the future, it is our complete desire to have our 7th and 8th grade students return to on campus learning as soon as possible.

We understand that even though the cases of COVID are decreasing, not all families are comfortable having their children return to on campus learning. To borrow a favorite phrase from our previous principal, this is absolutely a family choice, and we respect that. We will continue distance learning for those families who wish to continue to provide their child(ren) with a Catholic education. Our teachers have done an amazing job learning and using even more technology than they took on this spring to make distance learning as convenient as possible for students and families.

There is probably a need now to look at uniforms for students returning to campus. To assist you in this effort, we will open the EDP room for uniforms tomorrow from 8:30 AM until 3:00 PM. **Due to COVID protocol, everyone entering the EDP room and/or school office need to wear a mask, and we can only allow one person or one family into the EDP room at a time.**

In order to obtain the waiver, we have had to comply with some strict guidelines. We can only have two people (or two families) inside the office at a time. There are social distancing signs inside the office. You will notice markings outside the front of the school for social distancing as well. Another change is only employees are allowed inside classrooms and on campus. **Beginning on Monday, parents will need to drop students off at the gate by the library.** Employees will take students' temperatures with a no-touch thermometer. If the temperature reads below 100.4, students will be allowed to go to their classroom. If a student records a temperature of 100.4, we will have your child sit in the shade and retest him or her. If the temperature reads below 100.4, your child will be allowed to go to their classroom. If the temperature remains at 100.4 or goes higher, they will not be allowed on campus.

This is all exciting and things are moving very fast right now. Please be assured that the office will be sending out much more information in the next day or two.

Thank you for your patience and prayers during this unprecedented time!

