



August 4, 2021

Dear Parents and Teachers,

I hope you are all enjoying the Summer, relaxing and staying safe.

While it is still too soon to add a final addendum to our 2020-2021 Opening Plan, I wanted to give you some idea of what the opening of school might look like. Guidance from the CDC and NJ DOE changes frequently and we will follow it continuously and send something out later in August.

One thing we know for sure is that we had an awesome year last year and I anticipate the same for this coming year.

OPENING:

- School will open Wednesday, September 8. **September 8, September 9 and September 10 will be half days until with dismissal at 11:00 a.m.** We will stagger the arrival of the classes as we did last September.
- **Wednesday, September 8 – Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8** will come to school from 7:50-11:00 a.m. NO BUSES
- **Kindergarten** – You will receive an email from the teachers giving you information regarding orientation on **Wednesday, September 8**. Please park in the back of school and come up the steps by the cafeteria.
- **Thursday, September 9 – Only grades 3 and 4** will come to school to meet their teachers from 7:50 – 11:00 a.m. NO BUSES
- **Friday, September 10 - Only grades 1 and 2** will come to school to meet their teachers from 7:50 – 11:00 a.m. NO BUSES
- **PreK** – You will receive an email from the teachers regarding orientation on **Friday, September 10**.
- **Monday, September 13 all students in K – 8 from 7:50 – 2:15**





We are not planning any remote learning this year. If someone tests positive or is simply not feeling well, they will work directly with their teachers to make up work.

***If the entire school is shut down, we will then move to remote learning.

We anticipate all students and teachers will be wearing masks, at least indoors, as we begin the year. We will carefully watch for any and all guidance on mask wearing.

Temperate checks and Waivers:

We have received no guidance from the Diocese on this yet.

Sick Children:

Please don't send sick kids into school. It could compromise all that we've worked so hard for. If they say they are sick, whether it's true or not, keep them home.

Honeywell Instant Alert

This is no longer in operation. We will be using an instant alert through Rediker. A scheduled test will be sent out to verify that everyone's information is correct.

Morning Drop Off:

Buses for Morristown and Township will begin running on Monday, September 13. Car riders can be dropped off in the front of school between 7:15 and 7:45. Class will begin at 7:50 a.m. We will direct the kids to go directly to their classrooms.

Pick Up:

Student in grades K, 1, 2 and their siblings will again be dismissed from the back playground at 1:45 p.m. The teachers will bring those kids out to you on the patio area outside the cafeteria. That will ease some of the volume of cars in the front driveway.





Buses should exit the driveway by 2 p.m. and then we'll begin the car line. Please don't block our neighbors driveways while you are waiting and remember, there's no prize for being in line the longest – the later you come the quicker you're out! If you misplaced your nametag or never had one please make one and mount it so it's visible as you pull into the driveway.

Cafeteria:

Simple lunches will be available from the cafeteria. Gilda will give you more specifics on the how to order and pay. Since we cannot safely eat in the cafeteria yet, all lunches will be boxed or bagged and brought to the classrooms or outside to eat. You can also bring lunch from home.

Please send your children with a beach towel so we can utilize the outside spaces.

I hope I covered anything you may have wondered about I will add, subtract or modify things in the next few week as all the guidance evolves.

One thing for sure, we will have a wonderful year again and make the best of whatever comes our way.

Stay safe, have some fun and know we are looking forward to seeing all of you.

Sister Merris

