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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Good afternoon. **The Return-To-School Task Force (RTSTF)** continues to meet on a consistent basis to continue the critical work that must be done to prepare for upcoming school year. Here is today's update:

❖ **FACE COVERINGS UPDATE:**

- Please note the following:
  - On **August 3, 2020**, the NJDOE published an update to its Mask Policy for students at school. The NJDOE **changed** “Students are **strongly encouraged** to wear face coverings” to “Students **are required** to wear face coverings.”
  - On **July 23, 2020**, **RTSTF** announced to the school community that Saint Raphael School had adopted a policy stating that **ALL** students **are required** to wear face coverings.
  - The **RTSTF** stands proud as we adopted a stricter policy prior to August 3<sup>rd</sup>. As a result, **NO** changes to our current plan are needed.

❖ **ILLNESS:**

- As indicated on **July 24, 2020**, children catch colds ... totally unrelated to COVID 19. It is a natural part of life. If a child presents with visible symptoms of a cold such a runny nose, cough or fever, the child is to **stay home**.
- A child **MUST** be **fever free** for a period of **24 hours** **WITHOUT** taking a fever reducing medication in order to return to school.
- If your child is sick and the illness **extends THREE** days or longer, a note of clearance from your child's pediatrician will be required to return to school.
- If your child/children has been diagnosed with allergic rhinitis (runny nose and cough due to allergies) and is taking medication, please provide us with a note from your child's pediatrician prior to **September 8, 2020**.

❖ **QUARRANTINE LIST:**

- Anyone who is returning from a state that is considered to be HIGH RISK in New Jersey **MUST** quarantine for fourteen (14) days.
- Link to [State of New Jersey Incoming Travel Advisory](#)

❖ **DELIVERY OF INSTRUCTION SELECTION FOR 2020-2021 SCHOO YEAR**

- The deadline for selecting **In-School Instruction** or **At-Home Instruction** was **Tuesday, August 4, 2020**.
- If you have **NOT** yet selected the method for delivery of instruction for your child/children for the 2020-2021, you will be receiving a phone call from a member of the **RTSTF**. **If we are unable to speak with you personally, you will then receive a voicemail message. It is imperative that you respond to this message immediately.** Please note that classroom space for In-School Instruction is **VERY** limited. Without a response, your child/children will be placed in the **Synchronous At-Home Remote Instruction/Distance Learning cohort**.

God Bless.

Mrs. Cwirko