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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our **FINAL COUNTDOWN** to the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year has begun! In just five short days, we will celebrate with GREAT JOY as we return to the school that we LOVE. The anticipation is palpable!

The **Return-To-School Task Force** and the teachers and staff are putting the final touches in the classrooms and throughout the building. Everyone has worked SO hard! Everything looks BRIGHT and NEW ... and I know that God's GRACE is in all of it.

The Return-To-School Task Force (RTSTF) UPDATES AND REMINDERS:

❖ **SAINT RAPHAEL SCHOOL PARTNERS WITH PENN MEDICINE ~
PRINCETON HEALTH REMINDER**

- Saint Raphael School is **INCREDIBLY BLESSED** to partner with **Penn Medicine Princeton Health** for the 2020-2021 school year. Healthcare professionals employed by Penn Medicine will be on site every day to conduct daily non-contact temperature checks and COVID-19 screenings for our students, teachers and staff.

❖ MORNING ARRIVAL PROCEDURES FOR **STUDENTS IN GRADES K – 8**:

- Morning arrival procedures are designed to ensure the **SAFETY** of all members of the Saint Raphael School community.
- **As this is a new process and procedure, **PATIENCE** is required.**
- ALL students are to arrive at school wearing a **MASK**.
- Daily non-contact temperature checks and COVID-19 screenings will be conducted every day beginning at **7:15 am**. Our goal is to have the teachers and students moving to their respective homerooms by **7:45 am**.
 - Please note ...
 - It is **imperative** that all students arrive at school **ON TIME** (by **7:45 am**) every day.
 - ANY change in arrival or dismissal times **MUST** be communicated to the Main Office **in advance**. Please contact **Jennifer Peoples** at 609-585-7733 or jennifer.peoples@srsnj.org
 - Students who arrive **later** than **8:15 am** **WITHOUT** communication to the Main Office may be denied physical admission to the school at the discretion of Mrs. Cwirko.
- All cars will proceed to the designated **Drop Off** site for students in **grades K – 8** located at the **PARISH CENTER** following the path that will be clearly marked with **signage and orange cones**.
- Each car will pull up to the designated screening site located in the **FRONT** of the Parish Center, facing South Broad Street.
- The students will be screened and upon successful completion, exit the car and move into the Parish Center.
 - **Students in grades K – 4 will report to the **GYM****
 - **Students in grades 5 – 8 will report to the **CAFETERIA****

❖ **MORNING ARRIVAL PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS IN Pre K 3 & 4:**

- Morning arrival procedures are designed to ensure the **SAFETY** of all members of the Saint Raphael School community.
- **As this is a new process and procedure, **PATIENCE** is required.**
- ALL students are to arrive at school wearing a **MASK**.
- **Daily non-contact temperature checks and COVID-19 screenings** will be conducted every day beginning at **7:30 am**. Our goal is to have the students in their respective classrooms by **8:30 am**.
- Please note ...
 - **ANY** change in **arrival** or **dismissal** times **MUST** be communicated to the Main Office **in advance**. Please contact **Jennifer Peoples** at 609-585-7733 or jennifer.peoples@srsnj.org
 - Students who arrive **later** than **8:45 am** **WITHOUT** communication to the Main Office may be denied physical admission to the school at the discretion of Mrs. Cwirko.
- All cars will proceed to the designated screening site for **preschool students** located at the **FRONT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING** that will be clearly marked with **signage and orange cones**.
- Each car will pull up to the designated screening site where the child will be screened while in the car.
- Upon successful completion of the screening, the car will then proceed forward to the **Safety Zone**.
- Parents will park their cars in the **Safety Zone**.
- Parents, wearing a **MASK**, will then remove their child from his/her car seat and walk them to door at the **side entrance** where they will be greeted by a member of the Preschool Staff.
- A member of the Preschool Staff will then escort the child to his/her classroom.
- Parents may **NOT** enter the building.

❖ AFTERNOON DISMISSAL PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES K – 8

- Afternoon dismissal procedures are designed to ensure the **SAFETY** of all members of the Saint Raphael School community.
- **As this is a new process and procedure, **PATIENCE** is required.**
- **Dismissal will begin promptly at 3:00 pm and end at 3:15 pm.**
- All students in grades K – 8 will be dismissed from the **PARISH CENTER.**
- All cars will proceed to the designated **Pick Up** site at the Parish Center following the path that will be clearly marked with **signage and orange cones.**
- To help facilitate the dismissal process, all parents/guardians who will be picking up a student/students are asked to have a **name placard** clearly displayed on **the inside of the windshield.**
- Once a vehicle has been identified, the child/children will be dismissed to the vehicle.
- Once the child/children are safely in the vehicle, the vehicle is to exit the parking lot using the **Broad Street** exit.

❖ AFTERNOON DISMISSAL PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS IN Pre K 3 & 4:

- Afternoon dismissal procedures are designed to ensure the **SAFETY** of all members of the Saint Raphael School community.
- **As this is a new process and procedure, **PATIENCE** is required.**
- **Dismissal will begin promptly at 2:45 pm and end at 3:00 pm**
- Parents will park their cars in the Safety Zone.
- Parents, wearing a **MASK**, will then walk to door at the **side entrance** where they will be greeted by a member of the Preschool Staff.
- A member of the Preschool Staff will then release the child to his/her parent/guardian.
- Parents/guardians will then place the child in his/her car seat safely and carefully.
- Once the child/children are safely in the vehicle, the vehicle is to exit the parking lot using the **Gropp Avenue** exit.

❖ AUDIO-TACTILE TECHNOLOGY TOOL KIT AND TECHNOLOGY DEVICE

INSURANCE REMINDER:

- Each student will be issued a device **AND** an Audio-Tactile Technology Tool Kit for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Each device comes with technical support and is insured against accidental damage and/or theft.
- The cost per student for the Audio-Tactile Technology Tool Kit (ATTTK) **AND** the insurance for the device for the 2020-2021 school year is **\$65.00**.
- Parents are asked to remit payment for the ATTTK and the insurance on or before **Friday, September 18, 2020**. Checks should be made payable to Saint Raphael School.
- **For returning students ...please bring your Saint Raphael School issued Chromebook and case ... IF A CASE WAS ISSUED TO YOU ... with you to school on September 8th.**

❖ AT-HOME REMOTE LEARNERS

- Parents of students who are AT-HOME REMOTE LEARNERS may pick up materials prepared by their teachers on **Tuesday, September 8th** between **1:00 and 2:00 pm**.
- Parents/guardians are to pull up in the front of the school entrance with the family name displayed clearly on a placard in the window and pop the trunk. A member of the staff will then bring the materials out to the car, place them in the trunk, and close the trunk. Once the trunk is closed, parents/guardians may exit the parking lot.
- If you are unable to make this appointed time, please contact Jennifer Peoples at 609-585-7733 or at Jennifer.peoples@srsnj.org.

❖ **FACE COVERINGS REMINDER:**

- **MASKS** are **REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES** for **everyone** while in the school building.
- After much research, it has been determined that **GAITORS** do not provide adequate protection. As a result, **GAITORS** are **NOT** an acceptable face covering for anyone at Saint Raphael School.

❖ **TRAVEL ADVISORY REMINDER:**

- We know that many families are making plans to celebrate Labor Day Weekend 2020.
 - Please note ... if your family elects to travel out of New Jersey to a state listed on the NJ Travel Advisory, **you are required to self-quarantine for 14 days.**
 - <https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/travel-and-transportation/which-states-are-on-the-travel-advisory-list-are-there-travel-restrictions-to-or-from-new-jersey>

❖ **CALENDAR REMINDERS:**

- **Monday, September 7, 2020**
 - **Labor Day ~ NO SCHOOL**
- **Tuesday, September 8, 2020**
 - **Opening Day**
 - 12:30 pm Dismissal
 - Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- **Wednesday, September 9, 2020**
 - 12:30 pm Dismissal
- **Thursday, September 10, 2020**
 - **First FULL day of school**
 - Preschool begins ~ per your child's schedule
 - Everyone brings a **disposable bag lunch** from home
- **Friday, September 11, 2020**
 - **Second FULL day of school**
 - Everyone brings a **disposable bag lunch** from home

I wish you a safe and happy Labor Day Weekend. I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday!

God Bless.

Mrs. Cwirko