



School Reopening Update: July 28, 2020

Dear Parents:

As you know, we will be providing you with a comprehensive overview of our reopening plans. You can expect to receive this detailed plan the first week of August. In the meantime, I wanted to share a short highlight/update regarding the return of in-person instruction for St. Rose of Lima School in September 2020. Please keep in mind that these plans are based on the information we have available to us at this time about COVID-19 and the State of New Jersey. We will monitor this situation closely and have plans already in place if we have to change direction.

Some highlights of our planning include:

- St. Rose of Lima School will be opening in September for the regular five full-day program.
- There will be an option for remote learning – classrooms will be equipped to deliver instruction. If you are thinking about this option, you will need to discuss this with me prior to the school year beginning. Please know that we are here to support you and will work with you on helping to meet your family's needs.
- Children in grades 2 through 8 will each receive their own chrome book that they will bring to and from school. We are still working on finding the funding to secure chrome books for Kindergarten and First Grade.
- Children will receive ongoing instruction on how to navigate Google Classroom. This will be helpful for both teachers and students if we need to go to remote learning for a period of time.
- Children will be socially distanced at all times. Desks will be safely distanced with tri-fold barriers on each desk.
- While children are at their desk, face masks are encouraged, but not mandatory. When children enter, exit, or are out of their seat for any reason, they must wear a mask. (*"If you leave your seat, your face must be neat."*)
- Each family will provide their own cloth masks for their students. They must be appropriate for school and not include any political statements, political images, or improper text or graphics.
- Thanks to the incredible generosity of our school community, family, and friends, we will be able to have air conditioners in each classroom. Each unit will serve only one classroom. These units will *not* circulate air between classrooms.
- Children will continue to have specials. We will also utilize our grounds as outdoor classrooms when appropriate.
- Facilities will be sanitized at regular intervals during the day and more often if needed. The building will be sanitized each night.
- The Temperatures of the children and staff will be taken upon entrance to the building each morning. We will have multiple staff members in masks taking temperatures and we will be using thermometers with no-touch technology.
- Children or staff members who show signs of Covid-19 will be cared for in a room separated from everyone else, while being monitored by one of our school nurses. Parents will be called immediately to pick up their child.
- Volunteers and those entering the building will be greatly limited. Any person who will be entering the building past the vestibule and office window will need to have their temperature taken.

I look forward to providing you with a detailed plan by the first week of August. In the meantime, if there are any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

God Bless,

Deacon Rafferty

Deacon Joseph Rafferty
Principal