Memo to: Parents and Guardians Memo from: Sr. Margaret Mancuso

August 25, 2020 Re: School Planning



Many Thanks

Thank you to all who were able to join us for a parent information meeting on either Friday or Saturday. It was great seeing so many of you, and I am grateful for your presence, careful attention, and meaningful questions. We have posted the slide presentation on our website for all to view and a summary of your questions with answers for the benefit of all.

Opening Days

We have determined as a faculty that a **phase-in for the first two days of school** will be best for the students and the teachers. Much of the school will still look like Nazareth, and the spirit will be the same, but classrooms will have a different design and there are many new procedures in place for the safety and well-being of all. Having not been in the school since March, it will be an adjustment for the students who are returning. It will be a new adventure for all of our new students, too. So, to make the transition easier, smaller numbers will attend those first two days. This will allow for the teachers and staff to give more attention to each student as they learn the new procedures and adjust to being in school again.

Opening Days:

- Half of each class K-6 will return on Wednesday, September 9, for the full day and all PK4 students.
- The other half of each class K-6 will attend for their first full day on Thursday, September 10, and all PK3 students.
- All students PK-6 will attend starting Friday, September 11.

Melissa Kunz will work out the schedule, and you will receive it soon. The plan will include siblings attending on the same opening day.

Need for Distance Learning

As I have written in past communications and as was discussed at the Zoom meetings, a few children will need to remain at home a while longer due to medical or other serious reasons. Teachers will post lessons on their Google Classrooms and will work out a plan on how to best connect with those children. It cannot be the same schedule of communication as in the spring, for the teachers will now be teaching all day in their classrooms. We are working on ways for core lessons to be taped and posted for those at home. Starting in October, we will have the assistance of some Fisher students to connect with the children. The remote connections with our children will have to work around their own college classes.

To Come

- Date for your child/ren's first day of school
- Parent opt-out commitment form for those with medical or other serious reasons who cannot attend in person first quarter
- ECP Registration Form