



Whispering Saints Newsletter

August 14, 2020

From Our Principal

Important Dates

Aug. 3rd

1st Day Back with SAINT kids!!! 😊

Aug. 11th- Aug. 21st

STAR 360/ Early Literacy BOY Assessments.

Aug. 17th – Aug. 24th

“Scholastic Book Fair” in Chapel/Multi-Purpose Rm.

“Spirit Week”

Aug. 17th – Crazy Sock Day

Aug. 18th – Jersey Day

Aug. 19th - Wacky Hair Day

Aug. 20th - Pajama Day

Aug. 18th

Board of Trustees Mtg. 6:30 pm

Aug. 21st

Staff In-Service Day – NO STUDENTS

Aug. 28th

“School Store” Begins

Sept. 7th

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL

WELCOME BACK!

The entire staff at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic School wants to welcome all SAINT students, as well as their parents and/or guardians, to the 2020-21 school year! WE’VE MISSED YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH!!! We are looking forward to a great, successful, fun, and learning year here at STFCCS! It will be an exciting time for students, parents, community members, and staff as we journey together in our safe and wonderful Christian Learning Environment. At any time during the school year should you have questions and/or concerns, please let us know immediately. We believe and practice an “open door” policy for all school community members. We will try our very best to provide the best possible education for each child in our school. To provide the best possible education for your child (ren), we strongly encourage every parent and/or guardian to assist us so that our children can obtain a complete, well-rounded education from school and home. As you may have heard before, “*It takes an entire village to raise a child!*” Toward the end of this newsletter, we will provide you with some helpful suggestions and information to assist our school and the education of your child. Please take a few minutes to go over this information. Also, please be on the “look-out” for, at minimum, bi-monthly “Whispering Saints Parent Newsletters”.

MEET OUR STAFF!

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our staff members as we begin this school year. They include:

Pre-School Teacher: Ms. Grace Avalos

Pre-School Assistant: Ms. Bea Millos

Kindergarten Teacher: Mrs. Cori Abel

1st/2nd grade Teacher: Mrs. Brianne Normandin

2nd/3rd Grade Teacher: Ms. Teresa Guillen

4th Grade Teacher: Ms. Cambrea Guillen

5th/6th Grade Teacher: Mrs. Carmen Morales

7th/8th Grade Teacher: Mr. Victor S. Gonzales and the QHA Staff

Spanish Teacher: Ms. Patricia Baker

Title I Interventionist: TBD

PE Teacher: Mrs. Stacia Ilchena

Music Teacher: Mr. Robert Coburn

Art Teacher: Mrs. Liliane Pilot

Pre-K through 8th Grade Assistant: Ms. Crystal Tinguely

Librarian: TBD

Custodian/Maintenance: Mrs. Mary Sanchez (Mr. Robert Sanchez)

Bookkeeper: Mrs. Becky Chavez

Foster Grandparent: Grandma Honey (Ms. Blaza Madrid)

Administrative Assistant: Ms. Sonia Cardozo

Principal: Mr. Victor S. Gonzales

Please feel free to contact anyone of our staff should you have questions, concerns, and/or suggestions. We have an **excellent staff** and are looking forward to a great year!

As mentioned earlier, we are so happy and Blessed to have our Saint kids back. But to keep our school open and safe, we need to keep the following processes/procedures in place:

- 1) **Students will be EXPECTED to enter their class/designated areas at 8:15 am - NO EARLIER!** (Those who have made prior "extended am" care are the exception.)
- 2) Students are **NOT to be dropped off at school and left unattended PRIOR TO 8:15 am.**
- 3) **No individuals will be allowed to enter the building/classes**, other than the students at the 8:15 designated times. If you are late, students and their parents/guardians **MUST** report to the front office and **we** will then escort the students to their classes. (Please call our school, if necessary, should you need assistance.)
- 4) As mentioned above, **NO ONE will be allowed in classrooms, facilities, etc. without checking in our front office.** (Again, please feel free to call our school should you have questions, need assistance, etc.)
- 5) IMPORTANT: **Anyone entering our building and facility MUST HAVE FACE COVERINGS!** (Signs are posted throughout our facility.)
- 6) Staff will be monitoring closely our small cohort groups. **Students WILL NOT BE ALLOWED to enter other classrooms and/or areas without the guidance from our teachers and staff.**
- 7) Please continue to monitor your child's physical well-being carefully. Getting back to school, some may feel a bit fatigued and this is to be expected. Many or most have not been in a structured setting in quite some time, so it is an adjustment. We are specifically referring to *fever, cough, chills, sore throat, and/or shortness of breath or difficulty in breathing*. Should this occur, **please consult with your physician.**

The above-mentioned expectations will be strictly enforced and monitored carefully.

SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE THIS YEAR A "GREAT YEAR"

The following information will help make this school year a successful one:

- 1) **Make sure your child attends school every day and on time.** Students cannot keep up with school curriculum if they are not in school. Attendance is one of most important factors for student success.
- 2) **Ensure your child eats a healthy breakfast prior to attending school daily.** Please encourage your child to eat breakfast at home daily. The mind requires energy to function, just as much as other physical parts of the body. Good nutrition goes along with good learning!
- 3) **Make sure your child completes their homework every evening.** Homework is assigned to give students additional help. It also provides you an opportunity to participate in your child's education.
- 4) **Attend Home & School Association (HSA) meetings.**
We have a very pro-active Parent Association (Home & School Association) who helps provide educational support throughout our school. We encourage you to get involved with this organization and help when you can. Our next HSA meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 8th at 3:30 pm. Meetings last no longer than one hour. Meeting are typically held the 2nd Tuesday's of the month.
- 5) **Please review all materials sent home with your child.** Our teachers and Mr. Gonzales send home important information on a regular basis. Every student will have a "Communication" folder which will hold information such as progress reports, notes from teachers, report cards, etc. Please review them carefully on a consistent basis.

Spanish Classes Offered at STFCCS

We are incredibly pleased to offer “Spanish Classes” for our students this year. We currently are offering Spanish to our 1st through 6th grade classes. Ms. Patricia Baker is our “Spanish Teacher” and has lots of exciting and fun learning activities for our kids.

Mass at STFCCS

Due to our current COVID19 restrictions, we are unable to have Mass at our school 😞. We have been working and communicating with our local parishes to eventually provide this beautiful and weekly service for our kids, staff, and community. Once we can have the services, we will let you know. We do, however, continue to provide daily spiritual lessons and guidance to all our Saint students. Learning and knowing God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, are very important to us, as we truly believe in providing our Saint kids lessons as part of their “whole” well – being: *Mind* (Academic), *Body* (Physical and extra-curricular activities), and *Soul* (Spiritual).

Scholastic Book Fair Information

We are excited to have our Fall Scholastic Book Fair. It will be held Monday, August 17th through Monday, August 24th. Again, due to COVID19 restrictions, we must change how we run the book fair.

There are two options for shopping at the Scholastic Book Fair:

- You can make an appointment (please reserve your spot today @ <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C49A5AD23A1F94-scholastic>)
- Place your order by email @ office@stfccatholic.org.

We will email you titles and/or photographs of the books that we have for sale and you can reply with the titles that you wish to purchase. We will then get your order together and get it ready for “pick-up.” Please let us know what day and time you wish to pick up your order.

Please no cash. Check, Debit & Credit only

STFCCS goes “Paperless”

For both financial and environmental purposes, information from our office will all be sent electronically this year. Should you wish for “hard-copies”, please feel free to contact us and we can make that accommodation for you.

STSFCCS “NEW” Website

We are so excited to have our “new” website up and running. Look us up and please share it with your friends, family, co-workers, etc. Here is the link to it:

www.stfccatholic.org

Please know the website is and will always be a “living and working document”. In other words, we are always working on adding, editing, improving it as the year progresses. A special thanks to our Ms. Sonia Cardozo, Administrative Assistant, who has worked tirelessly on this project!

STUDENT SAFETY REMINDER

It is our school's policy and procedure that students **MUST** be signed in or out by a parent/guardian or any **ADULT** who has been designated and/or allowed to do so, again by the parent/guardian of our Saint students. **No MINOR** can check in or out a student! This is for the safety and accountability for all our Blessed Saints! Your help, support and understanding to adhere to this procedure is greatly appreciated!!!

FIND THE SCHOOL ON FACEBOOK!

<https://www.facebook.com/STFCCatholic/>

**HS&A Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday's
of the Month from
3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Mark your Calendars!**

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