

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

September 9, 2020

This has been the most interesting beginning to a school year any of us has ever experienced. Though we began last week, this is the week to work out the bugs- the timing, social distancing, scheduling, movement, transportation, lunch, remote learning, cleaning.... the list goes on. This is also a year when, unfortunately, we may not be able to accommodate special requests in some areas. In the past, we have usually been able to adjust to specific family situations. This year, with guidelines and restrictions placed on school settings, this may not be possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this start with its myriad changes.

Some points for clarification:

Transportation

Buses

Five Star Bus, in order to continue providing bus transportation to students, is following all guidelines outlined in the *Fall Reopening Transportation Guidance* from July 22, 2020. I have attached these guidelines to help clarify some questions regarding the bus.

Cars

Please fill in the parking area behind the Life Center if you arrive early. Do not block the road from Wood Rd. or the school drive. The buses need to get through and make the turn into the school driveway.

Everyone needs to have a sign in their windshield with their family name. The name should be written in marker, in large letters, and clearly visible.

If a student is carpooling home with another student, those students will go to the door assigned to the youngest student in the group (whether or not the youngest child is present). So, if your seventh grader, who normally is picked up at the cafeteria door, goes home with another seventh grader who has a Kindergarten sibling- they would all be dismissed through the front door.

Door assignments are:

- PreK, Gr. 1, Gr. 4 and older siblings- Recess Door- by the blacktop and field
- Kindergarten, Gr. 2, Gr. 3 and older siblings-Lobby Door- main entrance
- Gr. 5, Gr. 6, Gr. 7 and older siblings, as well as Gr. 8- Cafeteria Door- around the back

If you do carpool, your child should know when leaving for school in the morning, which door she/he should use for dismissal.

We anticipated dismissal would be long, and are working to ensure that it moves smoothly. It will be slow, at least for a while, as we have many more people driving their children this year.

Remote Learning and Remote Learners

We are still waiting for delivery of devices that were ordered weeks ago, we are utilizing Google Meet and laptops or Chromebooks in the interim. I appreciate the teachers who are adapting to this new mode of education, and the patience and understanding of parents in this unique experience. It's a learning process for all- just like life has been for six months!

A few reminders for our Remote Learners:

- Attendance is taken. Middle School- check in at homeroom, and attendance is checked each class.
- Lower School teachers will send a schedule, though it may need to be revised. They will keep you posted.
- Though you may not be here- all work must be done. If it's an online assignment- turn it online, and on time.
- Any actual paper-work may be turned in, and new paperwork picked up on Fridays between 11:30 and 1:30. Just come to the door, and exchange at your mailbox.
- Our online classes are for the students. The parent or guardian role is to ensure the technology piece is working- then let the student proceed with class. The home environment should not disrupt or interfere with the school environment

School Lunch

The school lunch program will not begin until September 21st, so one more week of bagged lunches. However, until Dec. 31, 2020, *all SPXS students are eligible for free lunch each day!*



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REMINDER - CALENDAR DATES

Wednesday, September 16th
Lower and Middle School Parents' Night
6:00pm online via Google Meet

ONLINE FORMS

Links to complete the Family and Student online forms were sent home earlier this month. **All forms must be completed by Friday, September 11th.** Thank you!

COMPUTER SYSTEM & INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT

All students must sign the enclosed Computer System and Internet Acceptable Use Agreement. **Please return it to school by Friday, September 11th.**

AFTER-CARE PROGRAM TELEPHONE NUMBER

If you need to reach the Assistants in the After-Care Program after regular school hours, please call 774-212-3933.

SCHOOL LUNCH

Nutritional lunches are provided at school each day beginning **Monday, September 21st.** Lunch will be free for all students through December 2020.



Soccer

Cross Country

The soccer and cross country teams will include any student from grades 4th-8th grade. Registration forms and information will be emailed to all families.

Information regarding sport teams for the fall season:

The fall sports season begins on Tuesday, September 22, 2019. The season will run 7 weeks ending on November 5, 2020. This year's soccer and cross country teams will allow for safe, active participation, while following the guidelines required by the MIAA. Players of all skill levels will together learn the game/race rules, practice running/soccer skills, and participate in intersquad game/races. All interscholastic games/races are to be determined.

The complete modifications and guidelines for soccer/cross country can be found in the links below:

MIAA Soccer Modifications and guidelines Fall 2020: [Soccer](#)

MIAA Cross Country Modifications and guidelines Fall 2020: [Cross Country](#)

- Locker rooms at the school will not be used to change after school.
- Players will need to bring shin guards, soccer cleats, and masks to all practices.
- Sanitized soccer balls will be provided by the school. Please do not bring your own soccer ball.
- Transportation of students, not within their family, must comply with Diocese Transportation Policy and Transportation Waiver form must be completed.

Please email any questions regarding participation and policies to:

Mr. Nick Corsi, ncorsi@spxschool.org - SPXS Middle School, Athletic Director

SPXS Girls Soccer Head Coach: Katie Enright

SPXS Boys Soccer Head Coach: Kal Boghdan

SPXS Assistant Coach: Chris Slowek

SPXS Cross Country Coach: Nick Corsi

SPXS Cross Country Assistant Coach: Tia Corsi

Additional assistant coaches for both sports are needed!

Scheduling / Info: Soccer and Cross Country Practice Location:

Peter Homer Park, 144 Old Town House Road, South Yarmouth

Time/Days/Fees: Soccer practice - Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday - 3:15-4:15p, \$75

Cross Country practice - Tuesday/Thursday - 3:15-4:15p, \$60

Transportation Guidelines

To enable students of the Diocese of Fall River Catholic Schools Alliance to participate in interscholastic sports while meeting the health and safety parameters enacted by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association the following guidelines regarding travel to competitions should be followed.

- As a first, best option students should be transported to competitions by their parents/guardians.
- Parents/Guardians may transport students not within their family only after completing Safe Environment Training, the Code of Conduct, and obtaining a Criminal Background check. and submitting the Diocesan “Driver Information Sheet.”
- Students may only transport other students without restrictions if the driver has had their license for more than six months. Per MA law, drivers under 18 who have had their license for less than six months may not transport anyone under 18 unless accompanied by a person who is 21 or older who
 - Has at least one year of driving experience
 - Holds a valid driver's license
 - Sits in the seat beside the driver
- Student drivers must complete the Diocesan “Driver Information Sheet.”
- Parents/Guardians of those students being transported must know who is providing the transportation and complete the “Transportation Waiver Form.”
- Parents/Guardians of Students being transported by another athlete should plan a second transportation option in case the driver is unable to drive due to injury.
- Prior to leaving for the competition the Head Coach will know how each student is being transported.
- Once the competition has ended drivers transporting other students and students transporting other students must present as a group to the Head Coach so that no one is left without return transportation.
- Catholic Schools Alliance reserves the right to prohibit anyone from providing transportation for any reason.

TRANSPORTATION WAIVER FORM

Participant's name: _____

School: _____

Birth date: _____ Sex: _____

Parent/Guardian's name: _____

Home address: _____

Home phone _____ Cell _____

I, _____ grant permission for this participant, _____
Parent or guardian's name Print Name

to receive transportation to a location away from the school site.

I, _____, agree on behalf of myself, this participant named herein,
Print Name
or our heirs, successors, assigns, executors, and personal representatives, to hold harmless and
defend _____, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Fall River, Corp
School
Sole, the Diocese of Fall River Catholic Schools Alliance, its officers, directors, agents,
employees, or representatives associated with the trip from any and all liability claims, loss or
damage, or costs arising from or in connection with transportation to and from the event. I
understand that those providing transportation for the participant are not acting as an agent of or
volunteer on behalf of the School.

Signature

Date



St. Pius X School Spirit Rock

Do you want to say “Happy Birthday” in a unique way?

Reservations may be made to paint **the front of the rock** for \$15.00 per day. You may also reserve and pay for multiple days in succession. Step by step instructions on reserving the rock are provided on the Sign Up Genius web page.

Please remember that you may only paint the front of the rock.

Just click on the link below and reserve your day!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d45a4af2caafc1-spirit2>

ST. PIUS X SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER MENU

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21 1) CHICKEN NUGGETS 2) HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Mashed Potatoes Vegetable, Fruit, Milk	22 1) CHEESBURGERS 2) TURKEY & CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Oven Fries Vegetable, Fruit, Milk	23 1) CHICKEN PATTY 2) HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Baked Chips Vegetable, Fruit, Milk	24 1) HOT DOGS 2) TURKEY & CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Oven Fries Vegetable, Fruit, Milk	25 1) PIZZA DAY !! 2) HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Baked Chips Vegetable, Fruit, Milk
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ALL STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE <u>FREE</u> LUNCH THROUGH THE MONTH OF DECEMBER !!			ALL STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE <u>FREE</u> LUNCH THROUGH THE MONTH OF DECEMBER !!	
THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER			*This menu is subject to change	

