

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

June 10, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Well, we have made it to the last week of school during a most-unusual year.

Fortunately, within the past week, the state is beginning to outline recommendations for schools in the fall, with optimism in these guidelines. Back in May, I outlined three possible school scenarios for the upcoming year. These were:

1. Return to school

With necessary modifications for the safety and health of all

2. Continued distance learning

This model requires additional pre-planning for staff, and the understanding it might need to be implemented at some point during the year once again

3. A combination of 1 and 2- referred to as hybrid learning, with some students at school on certain days, working from home others.

Currently, it appears that the state, which will set the guidelines for all schools- public, charter, private- is at least *leaning towards* students returning to school, with modifications. The state will rely on health guidelines to develop these policies.

Whatever we do specifically, will be guided by MDPH, state and diocesan guidelines, and will reflect what other schools are doing.

A diocesan group has been planning for the 2020-2021 school year for several weeks now. I am a member of this committee, and our goal is to be prepared for any of the three scenarios above. We all certainly hope and pray that we return to school September 1st. In the event we can all return, everyone, every day, we will follow required guidelines for health and safety. However, we need to be prepared if that cannot happen. Within the diocesan committee and the school, we have particularly spent time discussing #3 as planning for a hybrid model is the most challenging. This model would require implementation *if class sizes are limited*.

The model the diocese has formulated is a version that keeps as many of the students in the building as possible, with limited students at home part of the time. How that will look at each school might vary slightly. In one setting, Grades 5-8 might have some students in school some days, with others learning from home. At SPXS, the model we are currently looking at is to keep PreK-Gr. 6 on campus all day. With current classroom size guidelines, this will require utilizing space that is not typically classroom space. Seventh and eighth grade would become hybrid learners with some days on-campus

each week, and some days at-home. We are investigating live-streaming from classrooms so that students at home are actually part of the class, learning. This hybrid model is not necessarily a year-long model, but one to be used until we can all return.

If distance learning were necessary, we would incorporate live streaming as much as possible as the preferable option for teaching and learning.

At this point, no plan is set in stone, changes will evolve week-to-week as the state continues to monitor the metrics it is utilizing to track COVID-19.

Any thoughtful ideas related to these topics are most appreciated.

PreK held its end-of-the-year celebration via Zoom yesterday. I don't think I've ever seen anything so cute!

Our **Kindergarten Class of 2020** graduated today! They had an exciting, noisy and joyous parade, complete with horns honking, Pomp and Circumstance playing, and even a police escort! It was lovely, but bittersweet, to see their faces, and exciting to congratulate them all.



The **Graduation Mass** for Gr. 8 will be held Monday, June 22, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. The graduation is for students and immediate family members- and it will be live-streamed for others to participate in this big event!

Friday- our last day of school- let's make it a Spirit Day! If you're Zoom-ing show up in spirit wear or school colors. If not, dress in spirit wear, snap and send a picture!

We had our Pick-Up Day- now we need our Drop-Off Day. All textbooks, trade books, Chromebooks, and anything else from school that's been hanging around your house can be returned.

Drop-Off Day is Monday, June 15th, and we will begin at 9:00. I ask that you:

- Come at the time assigned to your oldest child, but bring everyone's materials back at that time. So, if you have an eighth grader and a third grader come at 9:00, which is the time assigned for Gr. 8. Return both children's books at that time.
- Put all books into a bag or bags, labeled with your child's name and grade (use separate bags for each child). Do NOT put Chromebooks into bags.
- Arrive during time scheduled, drive around the school to the Gym door, and teachers will meet you there to take the bags.
- Someone will also collect Chromebook(s) and check-off that they are returned. If there is any issue with the Chromebook, please let the staff member collecting them know.
- Once you are done, the 2019-2020 school year has ended!

Drop-Off Schedule:

- 9:00-10:00 Gr. 7 and 8
- 10:00-11:00 Gr. 5 and 6
- 11:00-12:00 Gr. 4
- 12:00-1:00 Gr. 3
- 1:00-2:00 Gr. 1 and 2

Yesterday, Ms. Downs announced she will not return to SPXS this fall. Today, Mrs. McKinley officially informed me she is retiring from teaching. I thank both for their efforts which have contributed greatly to the students and the school. They have worked with many children, have brought out the best in students, and each is a very talented educator. I thank them and wish them all the best!

God bless each of you, continue to stay safe, have a happy and blessed summer!

Mrs. Dailey

**LOOKING FOR
TUTORING
THIS SUMMER?**

Look no further!

**For over ten years SPXS Middle School Teacher,
Mrs. Katherine Duvall
has provided exceptional ELA tutoring services
which emphasizes organizational and study skills.**

This summer she will be offering tutoring via **Zoom and as state restrictions are lifted, in home tutoring will be available as well.**

**Your child's summer will be fun-filled, seriously supervised
and educationally enriched.**

Beginning ~ June 29 - August 21

**Please e-mail her at school : kduvall@spxschool.org
or text/call: **508-280-0135****

Join the Fun!!



Mr. Corey is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Music Meeting Extra Time

Time: Jun 12, 2020 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Friday, until Aug 21, 2020, 11 occurrence(s)

Jun 12, 2020 12:00 PM

Jun 19, 2020 12:00 PM

Jun 26, 2020 12:00 PM

Jul 3, 2020 12:00 PM

Jul 10, 2020 12:00 PM

Jul 17, 2020 12:00 PM

Jul 24, 2020 12:00 PM

Jul 31, 2020 12:00 PM

Aug 7, 2020 12:00 PM

Aug 14, 2020 12:00 PM

Aug 21, 2020 12:00 PM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: <https://zoom.us/meeting/tj0sd06oqzgrGtcKcYx96FzBuT5up4ZfGQ6C/ics?icsToken=98tyKuChrzgtGtGWsRmERox5BYjCKPTwmHZcjbdetxzcG3kFRBnUI9YXJ6IrKt73>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99137053103?pwd=Z045c0FkQVJBT0dSYVRxcDN3T0p2QT09>

Meeting ID: 991 3705 3103

Password: 4xamkc