

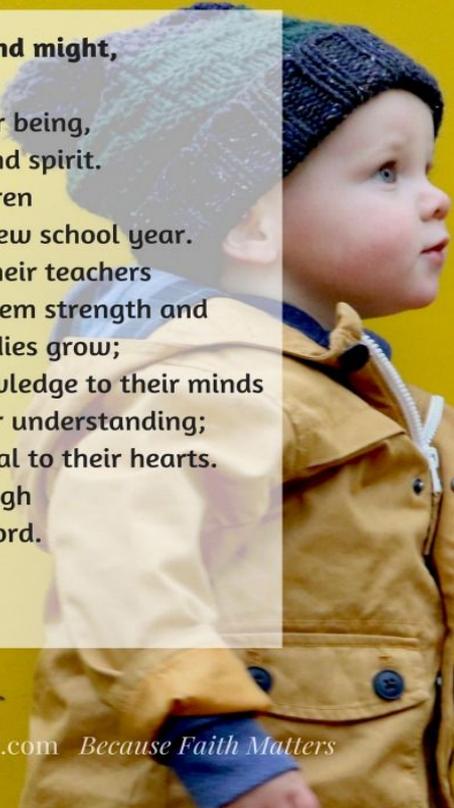


Back to School Fall, 2020

PreK 3, PreK 4, and Kindergarten
Saint Patrick School
August 11, 2020 Presentation

Prayer

Prayer for A New School Year



God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for
the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children
as they begin a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers
and staff. Give them strength and
grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Saint Patrick School



***KEEPING OUR YOUNG CHILDREN SAFE
AS WE RETURN TO CLASSROOMS and CENTERS***

***The Archdiocese of Philadelphia: Early Childhood Committee
Year***

2020-2021 School

COMMITTED PARTNERSHIP

Parent : School

We are counting on you, and you are counting on us.

We are in this together.

Our communication will be frequent, as it has been, and we ask that same of you to email, call, and keep us informed.

If your child is not well, or safe to enter our school building, for any reason, we are counting on you to let us know, and that you will keep him/her at home.

Covid 19 and Schools Reopening

Covid 19 is a novel virus and always changing. Therefore, our guidance will be changing and the school will adapted as needed.

Procedures are subject to change over time, and we assure you that we will adjust, as necessary, as well as communicate decisions made for the school.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures



- Students arriving by bus will be greeted by a school adult and assisted to the classroom.
- Students arriving by car will be following a new procedure which we announce soon.
- At dismissal, students will walk in line, with appropriate spacing, to the buses.
- Students picked up in a designated car area should be placed in the car seat by the parents quickly and safely.
- All vehicles in the Car Line MUST place the SPS Last name Sign and have visible on the dashboard.
- Parents will walk their child to the door, one at a time. While waiting, the parent and child will wear a mask, and stay 6 feet apart.

Bathroom Procedures



The bathroom will be cleaned and disinfected at various times throughout the day.

Students must wear masks and follow procedures set forth by the school for hallway travel and cleaning/sanitizing.

Students must demonstrate independence in the bathroom.

Classroom



Books/Paper

- The CDC has stated the following: “Children’s books, like other paper-based materials such as mail or envelopes, are not considered a high risk for transmission and do not need additional cleaning or disinfection procedures.”

Classrooms

All non-essential furniture, materials, rugs/carpets should be removed from classroom.

- Whenever possible, classroom windows should be open to allow fresh air, circulation of air, and proper ventilation.
- There will be a specific, individual spots in the classroom for students to store their lunchboxes, schoolbags, and outerwear.
- Students will have an assigned chair/spot at table/desk labeled with their name.
- Tables, chairs, and other furniture should be cleaned on a daily basis with soap/hot water or disinfectant wipes/sprays.

Morning Meeting, Cleaning



Circle Time/Morning Meeting

- For this important part of each day, students will be seated 3-6 feet apart.
- Children can monitor their own distances by using “airplane arms” to make sure they are not too close to their classmates.
- The use of Hula Hoops, carpet squares, mats, or other similarly sized items will help students with social distancing while seated on the floor.

Class Trips

- Class trips are not advisable at this time.

Cleaning and Sanitizing

- Chairs, tables, desks, and work areas will be cleaned when needed, during the day, and at the end of each day.
- Plastic toys and manipulatives will be cleaned frequently.
- Bathrooms and commonly touched items such as door knobs, light switches, and handles will be cleaned frequently.
- The CDC has advised hot soapy water as the ideal cleaning method.
- If using bleach, hot soapy water, misting sprays, or wipes that contain alcohol or other strong disinfecting materials, it is important to keep these items away from the children.

Social Distancing



Guides for Social Distancing

The CDC has recommended the following:

“Provide physical guides to ensure that staff and children remain at least 6 feet apart in lines and at other times.

Children will travel close to the walls when at all possible.



Health Checks

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- Parents will be responsible for monitoring their child/children's health each day and submitting the appropriate paperwork or electronic form.
- If a student is sick, parents or emergency contacts must be available to pick the child up **within 30 minutes**.

Health and Safety

Health Safety



- Hand washing and hand sanitizing will take place throughout the day.
- Parents should practice proper hand washing and sanitizing practices with their child prior to the start of the school year.
- Children should be taught safe coughing and sneezing techniques, and using and disposing of tissues.
- Parents should seek “child-friendly” videos and songs on Youtube to practice these procedures.

Instruction and Learning



- The students in our classes will become our cohorts.
- As often as possible, instruction may take place outdoors
- During directed instruction, especially when working with small groups, teachers will implement social distancing practices.
- When seated on the floor, or at desks, the children should all be facing the same direction.
- If seated at tables, children will not be seated directly across from each other.



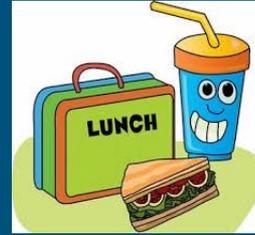
Learning Centers



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- When using learning centers, students will stay at a specific center and not rotate to other centers/areas.
- Manipulatives will be used by one child at a time, stored in plastic boxes with lids.
- Manipulatives used in learning centers will be cleaned on a daily basis.
- SPS classrooms have enough toys and manipulatives to rotate between cleanings.

Lunch and Snack Time



Lunch/Snack Time

- Lunch will take place in the classroom with your class/cohort
 - Students may not share food, beverages, cups, or utensils.
 - Families must provide lunch, snacks, and drinks for their child/children.
 - Treats may not be sent in for birthdays, holidays, or special days.
 - Children should bring a water bottle from home, as water fountains will not be used. We do have the capacity to refill if a child needs more water.
- Students will be assigned a specific area within the classroom to store their lunchboxes.

Masks/Face Coverings/Shields



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- Universal mask wearing/face coverings and 6 feet social distancing will be in place while on school property. Mask breaks will occur, and during eating, while 6 feet apart.
- Masks should be worn when students are out of their classroom or cohort, or when traveling within the building, hallway, doors entrances, to the bathroom and more.
- Masks should be worn when traveling to buses or when students leave the building.
- Parents may request that their child/children wear masks in the cohort/classroom.
- Children will need to be instructed in the proper way to wear, remove, and store their masks. Extra masks should be stored in paper bags, NOT plastic bags. Paper bags that stand are ideal, (name on it) as the child can drop the mask inside, and later toss the bag when it is trash.

C.A.R.E.S

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Before school care will be in the Primary Bldg. cafeteria.

After school care for PreK 3, PreK 4, and Kindergarten will be in Primary Bldg

Parents will call Mrs Jackson when they arrive to take their child home.

Nap and Rest Time



- Procedures for nap and rest time will be shared by the teachers.
- Students will have their own individual rest mat which will be stored separately and labeled per child.
- Children placement will be head to toe in order to further reduce the potential for viral spread. (CDC) and close to 6 feet apart.
- Parents will launder rest mats weekly.

Parents and Guardians



Parents/Guardians

- We will communicate frequently with parents to keep you informed of the policies, practices, and procedures that have been implemented to maintain a safe environment for their children.
- Teachers will communicate classroom routines.
- Keep the lines of communication open
- The presence of parents and volunteers in the building will be on hold until further notice.

Children at Play



- Vitally important part of the PreK and Kindergarten day!
- Students will be taught to stay in their assigned spot, keep a safe distance, use toys and manipulatives properly.
- All toys must be cleaned and sanitized at the end of each day.
- Stuffed animals, play-doh, slime, clay, or other materials that cannot be safely cleaned should not be in the classroom **unless** they are kept in individual containers that will only be used by one child.
- Puzzles, blocks, LEGOS, etc. may be used but must be cleaned daily. Toys will be rotated between cleanings.

Sickness during the School Day



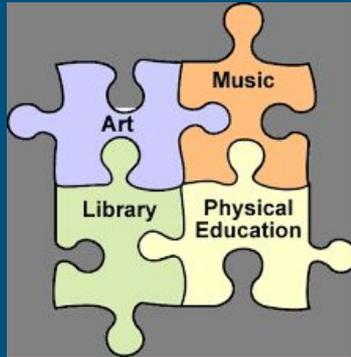
Sickness During the School Day

- Students presenting with symptoms such as **coughing, sneezing, fever, lethargy, upset stomachs, or gastrointestinal issues** should be removed from the classroom to the specifically designated area for sick students. Administration will be informed, if this occurs.
- Classrooms will be cleaned and sanitized when an individual student presents symptoms. Students may need to leave the classroom when this happens. School administration and maintenance staff will be alerted if a child gets sick.
- If a child, teacher exhibits COVID symptoms or if they are tested for COVID, OCE and county procedures regarding quarantine and virtual learning will be implemented. If COVID testing is positive, school administration will report this information to the county health department/ agency.
- ALL staff members are being educated as to COVID symptoms and SPS school procedures to follow if someone presents these symptoms.

Special Subjects

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- SPS Teachers of special subject areas such as Art, Music, PE, Library, and Spanish will come to the classroom to avoid students traveling in the hallways.



Student and Teacher Well Being



Student Care and Well Being

The events of the past months have been traumatic for many- All of this can certainly be manifested in the classroom. Being aware of the stress many of our students (and many adults!) are experiencing is vital. Knowing how to help and reassure our students, how and when to seek help, and keeping our parents informed of student behavior are even more important during this time.

Supplies



- Communal supplies are not permitted.
- Each student will have a plastic box with a lid to store such items as crayons, markers, scissors, glue/glue sticks, etc. and labeled with the student's name.
- Student supply boxes must be stored in a designated area
- Supplies cannot be shared.
- In the event we return to virtual learning, supply boxes will be sent home with the student.

Screening and Health



Parents, you know your child. We TRUST that you are sending us a healthy child.

We will have a before school arrival screening communication in place, and will do spot temperature checks throughout the day.

Honesty and Trust is reciprocal- Includes curtailing your family travels, possible exposure moments, reducing any participation in large groups setting, are essential to keeping our school safe.

SPS Kindergarten students will begin school on August 31,
and
we look forward to welcoming the SPS PreK 3 and Prek 4
children on Tuesday, September 8th!



Questions?

