

**ST.PATRICK SCHOOL and EDUCATIONAL CENTER
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August 2, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you and your family are having a healthy and enjoyable summer! It is time to start thinking about school again! I would like to bring you up to date with a few things regarding this upcoming school year.

***Enrollment:** We are happy to welcome a number of new students to our school. As of today, our enrollment is about the same as last year but I would love to see some new students, especially in the middle or upper grades. Our best advertising comes from you, our parents and families. I am grateful to those of you who have sent new students our way! Please encourage friends, co-workers, neighbors or relatives who have children who would like to enroll their children at St. Patrick's to please apply soon. **There are still spaces to fill!!** The more students we have, the easier it is to keep our costs – and your tuition - down!

***Uniforms:** The Uniform Company will be at St. Patrick School to deliver uniforms already ordered and to do some last minute measuring and ordering on **Thursday, August 8 between 8:00 and 9:00 AM. Collegiate House Uniform Company will be contacting you regarding payments owed.**

***Bus passes will be sent directly to your home from the Lowell Public Schools Transportation office at the Family Resource Center.** Those students who took a bus last year should still be on the list. All students who requested a bus for the 19-20 school year received applications for bus transportation last spring from Mrs. Carnazzo. **If completed forms were not returned to school or to the Family Resource Center directly, your child will not be assigned to a bus.** Please contact the Transportation Office at the Family Resource Center as soon as possible!

***Tuition: Bills have been sent via e-mail separately. Your first payment is due no later than August 15.** Please read the Tuition Collection policy that was attached to your bill. **All families must make their first monthly payment in August!** If you missed the June deadline for financial aid, you will need to pay the full amount for this payment. Adjustments will be made in September.

***Family Envelopes/Supplies:** Any family who wishes to drop off school supplies and pick up Family Envelopes with required paperwork early may do so on **Thursday, August 22 between 12:00 and 2:00. Please have each child's name on his/her supplies.** These will be brought directly to their classrooms, so do not mix multiple students' supplies together. You can then stop by the office to pick up your Family Envelope. This applies to **ALL grades – Pre-K through Grade 8!** Students in grades 1-8 who do not come on August 22 with supplies will need to bring them with them on their first day of school. Pre-K and K parents may bring them to Parent Orientation on Wednesday, August 28.

***Please check the August calendar for office hours. This was sent home in June and is also on the school web site.** Sr. Joanne has been in school for the month of July and will be away until August 13. Mrs. Carnazzo will be back in the office on August 1.

PLEASE KEEP READING

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A FEW REMINDERS

- **School Supplies, Summer Assignments:** School Supply lists and Summer Assignments are posted on our school web site: www.saintpatricklowell.org Students must have completed all summer assignments before school starts!
- **Extended Day Program:** Information and Registration forms for the Extended Day Program (Before and After School) will be posted on the school website and also sent home if requested by parents. Please read all information carefully as there is new information and new policies about the program and payments for the program. Please complete the Registration Form and return it to school if you will be needing Extended Day services. **The Extended Day program will begin on Tuesday, September 3.**
- **Nutrition Program:** Applications for Free and Reduced Breakfast and Lunch will be sent home separately along with the menu for September Breakfast and Lunch. **Breakfast, Snack and Lunch will begin on Tuesday, September 3.**

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for a new school year. Thank you once again for entrusting your children to us. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Sincerely,

Sr. Joanne Sullivan, SND
Principal

Back to School Information

First Week of School - There is bus transportation TO school each day but NOT at dismissal.

Grades 1-8: School Begins on Tuesday, August 27 at 8:20 AM
Dismissal will be at 12:00 Noon (no bus transportation home)

Wednesday, August 28 and Thursday, August 29
8:20 AM - Dismissal at 12:00 Noon (no bus transportation home)

Pre-K and K: Parent Orientation – Wednesday, August 28

Pre-K and K students have a half day on Thursday, August 29. Dismissal is at noon.

All Parents: At dismissal, please park in the lot and walk up to pick students up in the circle. They will be dismissed by grade. No child will be allowed to run to their parents' car!

THERE IS NO SCHOOL IN LOWELL – OR AT ST.PATRICK'S - ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 30 OR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 DUE TO THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY. ALL GRADES START FULL DAYS (8:20 - 2:40) ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3. EXTENDED DAY AND NUTRITION PROGRAM BEGIN ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

- All students (Pre-K through Grade 8) must be in **full uniform** on their first day of school. Please use summer uniforms (shorts/polo shirts) for hot weather days. Students must have socks and sneakers on – no sandals are allowed!
- Students need to bring a **snack and drink** with them during the first week. There will be no breakfast or lunch program.
- All Back to School paperwork/forms need to be returned no later than Monday, September 9.

**WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK SCHOOL EARLY CHILDHOOD
PROGRAM**

PARENT ORIENTATION: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

10:30 – 11:30 Parents/Guardians of Pre-K students and Kindergarten students

This is not a school day for the children. This is a special orientation meeting for parents. It will be held in your child's classroom. This is a very important meeting and we ask that at least one parent/ guardian or adult family member attend. Please make every effort to come so that we may be able to share with you important information regarding the curriculum, answer your questions and get the year off to a good start. Some of the information we will be presenting and discussing will include:

- **Curriculum Goals**
- **Communication between Home and School**
- **School and Classroom Policies and Regulations**
- **Parent-Student Handbook**
- **Ways you can assist your child in transitioning to school**
- **Transportation issues – especially concerning afternoon pick-up**
- **Permission Slips and forms to be filled out**
- **Nutrition Program (Breakfast, Snack, Lunch)**
- **Tuition Payment Information**
- **Extended Day Program**

Students in Pre-K and Kindergarten will have a HALF DAY on Thursday, August 29 (8:20 – 12:00 noon). Students must be in FULL UNIFORM on the first day of school. All students will begin full days on Tuesday, September 3.

We want this to be a good beginning for your child/ren. Working together will help this happen. **We look forward to seeing you at Orientation!**

Sincerely,

Sr. Joanne Sullivan, SND, Principal
Mrs. Michelle Schecter, Kindergarten Teacher
Ms. Danielle Welch, Pre-K Teacher

Mrs. Lisa Darrigo, Kindergarten Aide
Mrs. Anne Barletta, Pre-K Aide