

July 2, 2020

Dear Parents and Friends of St. Michael's Catholic Academy,

As we officially begin the summer season and the July 4th weekend, I would like to keep all updated and informed of the preparations being done for September 2020. Although no official word has come from Governor Cuomo, we have begun to prepare the building for the students.

The school's office hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9am-12pm. If you need an appointment at another time please email me at rogone@stmichaelsca.org. All coming into the building must wear a mask and practice social distancing.

If your child has not returned their textbooks (not devices) please have them do so immediately. Use the back door of the gym for book returns. We will collect the devices in September so that all children have a device to complete their summer review work which is posted on Google Classroom.

Presently, the men are plastering and painting. Soon we will begin the waxing of the floors and establishing social distance set ups in the classrooms as well as throughout the building. Prior to opening in September, the school building will be professionally sanitized according to the CDC requirements.

At this time, Ms. Hopkins and I have begun to work on scheduling and protocols within the school day which will protect all students and staff in the building. We have divided the students entering the fourth grade into two instructional groups because of the growing class size.

After considering how the past few months have affected all of our lives, I have decided to postpone the students coming in uniform until October 1st. This will be one less thing for parents to be concerned with as we return to school. I spoke with Flynn O'Hara and their website was updated for ordering. However, their store hours will be limited and the wait time will be much longer than usual. **Students may dress comfortably because September will still be warm, but all students must wear sneakers-no sandals or flip flops.** Hopefully in October we can resume uniform measurements in school.

As I receive more information from the state and the CDC I will post all updates.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support,

Mrs. Maureen Rogone