

Principal's Bulletin



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From the Principal

We are entering the home stretch to the start of the 2020-2021 school year! In just a little over two weeks, school begins and as you can imagine, things keep evolving daily. Know that we are working hard to have all our protocols in place and ready to go by September 8th when we welcome students back to the building.



Teachers will be back at school beginning Monday, August 24th to prepare for the year. We would like you to join us in welcoming a couple of new staff to St. John's: Mrs. Shelley Paige and Mrs. Dawn Ressler. Both of these teachers come from Epiphany Catholic School where they have taught for many years. Mrs. Paige will be teaching second grade along with Mrs. Lenz and Mrs. Ressler will be teaching fourth grade ELA.

Due to the recent announcement from the Mounds View School District regarding their decision to begin the school year with distance learning, there will be no district busing available to our families to begin the school year. When MV begins in-person learning, the district busing will then be available for our families. Parents of students within the district will need to provide transportation to/from school until this happens. For those in the Blaine area, we are checking on the options for our charter bus and will let you know next week if this decision affects that option.

Due to COVID-19 protocols, we are unable to hold our annual Kindergarten Picnic this year. However, kindergarten students and their parents will have a chance to meet their child's teacher during the Reading Assessments that begin next week as well as during the Meet My Teacher event coming up on September 2nd.

The Meet My Teacher event on September 2nd will look a bit different this year. We will be asking families to sign up for a time to come meet their child's teacher, drop off supplies, get information or deposit money for lunch accounts, and complete any necessary paperwork. In order to accommodate all our families, we will be extending the hours. Please look for more information early next week on the Meet My Teacher event, including signups.

All new parents to our school will be receiving a New Parent Information Video which will highlight some important information about St. Johns. Watch your emails for a link to this video.

Please remember to visit our [COVID page](#) on the St. John's website for information about school reopening, procedures, and other important details.

Finally, we are so pleased to be welcoming our new families. We are so glad you are here and we are privileged to be educating your children. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal