**St. Gabriel Newsletter**

**August 26, 2020**

**Welcome:**

Welcome back St. Gabriel students and families. It was so nice to meet and see everyone at our playdate on Tuesday and orientations on Wednesday. My name is Peter Post, and will be the interim Principal at St. Gabriel while Mrs. Leege out on medical leave. I am beginning my 14th year with SMCS schools, and you may recognize me from our high school campus as I am the Associate Principal of the high school. You may also see me on our other campuses with having children at high school, middle school and elementary. I am so excited to be part of this exceptionally talented team here at St. Gabriel. I have experienced such a warm welcome, and I am privileged to be at St. Gabriel.

**Welcoming New staff:**

Katie Marston Preschool Aide

Kristin Hubbell 4K Teacher and After School Care

Karen Leonardi 4K Teacher

Teresa Wilkinson Kindergarten Teacher

Jan Patek 1st Grade Aide

Trisha Hendricks Learning Support Specialist

Michaela Erikson After School Care

**Covid Update:**

While our school system has created new policies and procedures making student safety our number #1 priory, we have also created a Covid Screener position to insure student and family safety. This screener will be the direct liaison between families and our health departments in the event of Covid exposure. Maryann Slavinsky is our Covid Screener. Her contact information is… Phone 920-716-7139 and Email [studentsafety@smcatholicschools.org](mailto:studentsafety@smcatholicschools.org)

**Pulling Back into the Station Video Series:**

Our video series throughout August has highlighted universal policies and procedures used at all 5 SMCS campuses. View our most recent video that shows what a typical school day looks like. Enjoy this [video](https://youtu.be/damplTiox2o) which features our very own Zephynator going back to school.

**Morning Procedures:**

Only students, staff, and pre-approved Virtus trained volunteers may enter the building beginning Thursday, August, 27th. This will be done through door #2. This is for the safety of all. Please drop off students quickly in order to limit congestion. Each morning all students and staff will be temperature checked and use hand sanitizer upon entering. There will be a mail bin for notes, paperwork, envelopes etc. at the temp check station table. Preschool and 4K lunch sign-up sheets will be in the vestibule. Please do not send kids to school if they are experiencing…

Fever in the last 48 hours

Cough, shortness of breath

Difficulty breathing

New headache

New loss of taste or smell

Muscle pain or chills

Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

Or experienced a close contact with confirmed case of COVID-19

**End of the Day Procedures:**

Teachers will bring all students in a staggered format to the parking lot. After school care and bus students will be dropped off at appropriate areas while in transition to parking lot. Please collect/load students and exit property in a timely fashion so that congregation and congestion is limited.

**Virtus Training:**

All adults that would like to volunteer in the school in any capacity must complete this training, application, and background check prior to volunteering.  Please click the link for more information. <https://www.gbdioc.org/protecting-our-children/virtus>

Please note that during our pandemic, volunteers are used in an extremely limited capacity and assigned to business activities that are deemed essential to the maintenance of our schools.

**Important dates:**

Thursday, August 27th                          First Day of School for students with last names A-L

Friday, August 28th                               First Day of School for students with last names M-Z

Monday, August 31st                            First Day with the full student body

Tuesday, September 1st                        Zephyrs Spirit Day-students can wear spirit wear

Thursday, September 3rd First School Mass 8:15AM

Friday, September 4th Picture Day

Monday, September 7th                       No School on Labor Day

**After School Care**

Space is limited in the ASC program. Please be sure you have filled out enrollment forms and sign up through our link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949a5a82aa0f85-after>