

August 20, 2021

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please read the updated and revised **COVID Handbook Addendum for Students and Parents.**

Acknowledgement of our policies must be signed and submitted next week, prior to your student's first day of school, but preferably at Meet the Teacher on Monday night.

Part of the acknowledgement process is reading and agreeing to the terms in our regular handbook, which is the same handbook drafted in 2019. It can be found **HERE**

Two acknowledgement forms, then, are needed. The regular Parent-Student Handbook acknowledgement form, and the COVID Risk acknowledgement. BOTH are found in the **COVID Handbook Addendum for Students and Parents.**

The COVID Handbook includes drop-off and pick-up information, attendance information and updated quarantine information. Please read it carefully and sign it for immediate submission.

The **Meet the Teacher Sign Up Link** has been very active. Thank you to those who have signed up. Need a reservation? Please take care of that today, if possible. There are 3 or 4 PAGES of sign-up, so if the first few sessions looked closed to you, keep scrolling or hit the button on the bottom right to see a new page.

Please note: sessions may last 30 minutes. Unless you are bringing others to



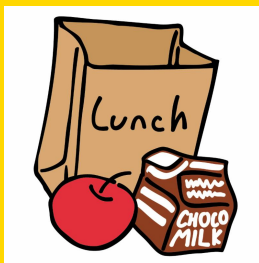
"divide and conquer" you won't be able to see two teachers at the same time slot. Please look at your sessions and make sure you have checked for duplicate time slots or too many sessions in the same time slot.

Teachers are preparing materials for the number of registrations. **If you must attend a session that is already closed**, it is possible for parents to swap times in the app. You can also contact me directly for assistance.

Need to see the principal? I added a Principal Q & A session for the 5:15-5:45 time slot. I will be outside and in the hallways from 6:00 - 7:15., and some have already signed up for the session in the last time slot (7:20-7:50). See you there!

Lunch information and the itinerary for the first day of school are in the boxes, below.

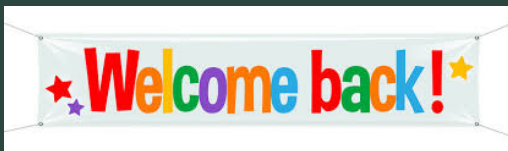
Enjoy your evening,
Mrs. Ingram



LUNCH INFORMATION

- Students will report their lunch plans to teachers during homeroom, first thing in the morning.
- Students who are packing their lunch may request white or chocolate milk.
- When students are taken to the cafeteria, those who have placed an order proceed through the line.
- Lunches are provided free of charge to parents again this year.
- A la carte items will be added to the line a few weeks into the school year.
- We will need parent volunteers to assist in the cafeteria. Please sign up with PTO!

Parents may see a history of what their child has ordered by setting up a free Titan account at <https://family.titank12.com/>



THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL ITINERARY

Parents dropping students off will pull up to the orange cones, single file. Students exit the car on the RIGHT side of the vehicle, avoiding traffic from other cars.

Parents who want to stay for the morning prayer and assembly should park behind the gym or in the Church parking lot, and walk your student over to the playground area.

7:30-7:45: Students wait together on the blacktop, past the cones.

7:45: Students are called into homeroom groups on the blacktop. Other students continue to arrive. Students will prepare for the assembly by putting on masks.

7:50 PARENTS who are on campus are encouraged to form lines on both sides of the walkway to the gym. Since you'll be standing close together, we recommend that you put your masks on at this time.

7:55 Homeroom groups will start entering the gym to thunderous applause as they pass through the lines of parents on the sidewalk! Students who arrive late should report immediately to the gym.

8:05 (or whenever all students are seating in the bleachers) The principal will welcome all

students and any parents in attendance, we will have our daily prayer and pledges, parents will be allowed to get a final picture, and then parents will be dismissed.

Everyone in the gym for the morning Welcome Assembly will need to be masked.

The principal will address the student body with some announcements and students will be released to classes with their teachers afterwards.

10:00 Snack and recess for K-2 students.

11:00 Kindergarten students will be dismissed. Please wait for your child on the sidewalk next to Steivenard Hall.

11:25 The first lunch period starts (grades 6, 7, and 8). Students may go through the lunch line and select their choices there. Recess follows.

11:50 Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 eat lunch. Recess follows.

12:15 Students in grades 1 and 2 eat lunch. Recess follows. (Kindergartens normally eat at this time, too.)

2:55 End of day prayer over the PA. Dismissal typically follows this order:

- Kindergarten and first grade car-riders.
- Bus riders, called by bus number, as buses arrive.
- 6th, 3rd, 2nd and 4th grade car-riders (Main building students, exit main entrance)
- Bus riders for any additional new bus arrivals
- Car riders in grades 5, 7, and 8 (Modular building, exit the modular directly onto the blacktop once the bus lane is clear)

Parents who are picking students up by car: Please park according to the directions noted in the COVID Handbook Addendum.



New Link: TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

If you live in **West Clermont School District**, you can check your route information [HERE](#). This link takes you to Tyler's Versatrans e-Link site.

Your **User Name** is the first two letters of the child's last name, followed by the first four letters of the child's first name. The **Password** is the child's 8-digit birth date with no dashes or slashes. For

example, John Doe, with a birth date of April 1, 2006 would have a User Name of dojohn and the Password would be 04012006.

Once you have logged into the e-Link site, click on the "student" tab for information.

For those living in Batavia or New Richmond school districts, please call:

Batavia: 513-732-0935

New Richmond: 513-553-0266

Come to the Booster Meeting! Come to the PTO Meeting!

Join the St. Bernadette athletic boosters for a meeting on **Thursday, August 19th at 7:30 in the gym**. Among topics planned to be discussed: the upcoming volleyball season, interest in golf for students, planning our upcoming golf scramble fundraiser.

All are welcome to attend.

Come to the PTO meeting on **September 9 at 7:00 in the cafeteria**. Topics to be discussed: purpose of the organization, events planned for the school year, and volunteer opportunities.



Can you help?

Parents are having a hard time getting uniform shirts in certain sizes. Our vendor is experiencing supply-chain issues, and our Used Uniform stash is low. If you have any St. B uniform shirts you can donate, please drop them off at the main office tomorrow or Friday, or bring them to the Used Uniform table at Meet the Teacher. Thank you!

All Volunteers and Staff must register with SafeParish.

The Archdiocese is now using SafeParish exclusively for safe environment compliance as of July 9. Even if you have a Virtus account, you must open an account with SafeParish. Virtus accounts are no longer being used. Instructions for setting up your SafeParish account are [HERE](#). New to volunteering? You start by opening a SafeParish account, get the needed on-line training, and learn about any required background checks. Click on the link to get started!



LOOKING AHEAD...

- **Thurs. August 19: Booster Meeting 7:30 p.m.**, gym
- **Mon. August 23: Meet the Teacher for K-8** (evening event 5p-8p)
- **Weds. August 25: First day of school for K-8** (half day for kindergarten)
- **Mon. August 30: First day for four-year-olds and PreK**
- **Tues. August 31: First day for three-year-olds; Confirmation meeting 6:30 p.m.** in the Church.
- **Mon. September 6: Labor Day** (no classes)
- **Thurs. September 9: PTO meeting 7:00 p.m.**, cafeteria

Parents of 7th and 8th graders:

The first parent meeting about Confirmation will be Tuesday, August 31st from 6:30-7:45 p.m. in the Church. Please plan to attend!



VACCINES are NOT Required

St. Bernadette School is not requiring COVID vaccinations of eligible students, although they are highly recommended by physicians. We have been advised that both the COVID vaccine and the flu vaccine reduce the overall incidence of respiratory illnesses. Teachers, at this point, are not required to

be vaccinated, although most of our teachers and staff are.

Unlike some childhood illness vaccines, COVID and flu vaccinations are a personal choice for school attendance. Like all vaccinations, though, the rate of vaccination impacts the safety of the general population. We will continue to encourage families to consider COVID and flu vaccinations, but this encouragement is not intended to be pressure. We simply consider it a responsible community service to remind the

public and encourage behavior for the public good.

Please remember to complete the short [Vaccine Survey](#) if you haven't yet. So far, 120 surveys have been submitted. We'd love to see even more.

Tired of inhaling your mask, or sounding muffled?

I purchased the [4-Ocean mask frames](#) and am so much more comfortable behind a mask. Unlike some of the other plastic frames out there, this one is lightweight, provides a cooler breathing space, is not hot or sticky, and helps clean up the ocean, too. They also make a child's size.

Quick Links

Newsletters/Handouts

[Quarantine Flowchart for contact in K-12 schools.](#)

Parent/Student Handbook

Parish Website

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SafeParish instructions

Schoolbelles (code S1952)

[Mind-Peace \(for mental health providers, click on Search for Providers\)](#)

Gradelink

[FACTS Login](#)

Remind Sign-up

Virtues in Practice (at home materials - Year I, Year of Faith)

Kroger Rewards

[Box Tops Bonus App](#)

[1n5 Foundation](#) (great mental health information)

