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August 31, 2021

Dear Parents, Families, & Guardians,

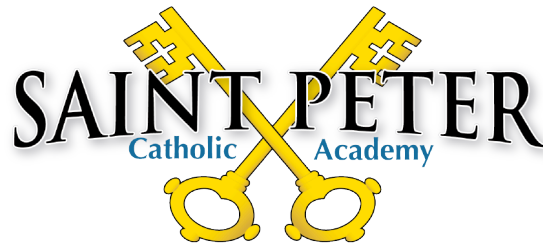
Welcome back! Hoping you all had a wonderful summer. I thank you for your patience awaiting the yearly back-to-school letter, but felt it was best to provide you with as much accurate information as possible. As we move into a new academic year, and for many a new school, please be advised of some guidelines that we are asking you all to adhere to. We will be following last year's reopening plan, which was approved by the DOHMH and the Office of the Superintendent. Here is an idea of what school will look like this year, with some slight changes:

### **CLASSROOMS**

- Classrooms will be at 100%
- Desks will be placed in rows with students facing the same direction
- Desks will be socially distant (3 feet apart, or as best possible to ensure a 100% in-person return.)
- Students will remain with the same cohort throughout the day, but will now be able to move to special content classes as well as lunch.
- Departmentalized teachers will continue to travel from class to class to reduce contact exposure.
- Windows will be open and ceiling fans on to allow for circulation.

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

- Students and faculty need to stay home if they feel ill or have a fever.
- Students who are out sick will need to have a doctor's note upon return.
- Students will continue to use hand sanitizer throughout the day.
- Both students and faculty will wear facemasks during the duration of the school day.
- Daily temperature checks at the school will NOT take place this year, but parents will still be required to fill out the Daily Health Affirmation form in the morning. This will take place in FACTS SIS. You will be receiving an email with instructions on setting this up. It MUST be set up prior to your child beginning school.



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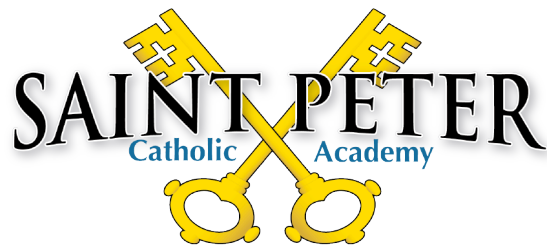
- Students should wear their own mask to school. However, we will have disposable masks on site should they need it.

### **CLEANING AND DISINFECTING**

- Prior to opening, the building will be completely sanitized.
- Fredy, as well as our daily cleaning company, will ensure the classrooms, bathrooms, and high touch surfaces are properly disinfected daily or more frequently as needed.
- The building will continue to be fogged each evening.

### **DAILY PROCEDURES**

- Arrival will be between 8:00 A.M. and 8:30 A.M. depending on the allotted time slot in the schedule below.
- Unfortunately at this time no parents are permitted to enter the building. All students must arrive ready to enter the building with their cloth face covering on. Temperatures, must be taken at home by parents and entered into **FACTS SIS** (As this new system takes over it may not be ready for opening day, if this is the case parents are asked to complete the daily health screening through Google forms, a link will be provided prior to first day.)
- **Parking:** Parents are **NOT** permitted to use the parking lot.  
**\*Kindly refrain from using the parking lot, as all spots are reserved for faculty and staff.\***
- **Office Hours:** are from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. The office will be closed from 12:00 pm – 12:45 pm for lunch. If your child is going to be absent please call between 7:30 am and 8:00 AM and leave a message stating your child's first and last name, grade, and homeroom teacher's name.
- **Lunch:** At this time, we will be refraining from having parents volunteer for lunch. **LUNCH BOXES WILL BE PERMITTED. (This year free breakfast and lunch will be provided for all students, please find the September menu attached.)** **\*\*Note: This is a sample menu and subject to change.**



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**Students MUST be on time in order to receive breakfast. The kitchen will close at 8:30 A.M. in order to begin preparing for lunch.**

- **Bus Children:** Any parent whom wishes their child not travel home via bus on a given day **MUST** send their child to school with a note. Bus service will be available for all children grades **K** through **6**. The Academy does not decide if transportation will be provided, rather the Office of Pupil Transportation. Transportation will begin Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **After School:** After-school begins on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$10 per hour.
- **Early Drop Off:** Early Drop off begins the first day of school at 7:30am. Please bring students to the entrance right of the main entrance on 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. The cost of early drop off for Pre-K for All students is **\$5**.
- **Option C to FACTS SIS:** As of August 31<sup>st</sup> we will no longer be using Option C and will be switching to FACTS SIS. This system will be used to provide families with information such as student grades, parent alerts, and memo's. In addition, the system will be used for health information management, including daily health screening for the children. **PARENTS MUST SIGN UP PRIOR TO THEIR CHILD STARTING SCHOOL ON SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>!!**
- **School Supplies:** Supplies can be purchased and delivered directly to your home this year using School Tool Box. (Flyer attached)
- **Uniforms:** Students **MUST** be in full uniform. Uniforms can be purchased at Flynn O'Hara. Please note there are currently delays in ordering. When wearing gym uniforms, **SOLID WHITE** sneakers are to be worn.

## **CURRICULUM**

- Saint Peter will continue to implement a blended learning curriculum with continued use of Chrome books/iPads in the classroom during portions of the lessons. The blended learning approach will continue to teach digital literacy, digital citizenship, and foster 21<sup>st</sup> century skills.

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- Saint Peter Catholic Academy will follow the NYS Next Generation Learning Standards.
- Emphasis will be placed on Mathematics, Reading, and Writing.
- We will continue to utilize the i-Ready platform to measure and help develop academic engagement.
- If the need arises (I pray that it does not) to shut a classroom down due to a positive COVID test, that class will revert to a remote learning platform for the duration of the quarantine.

### **VISITORS**

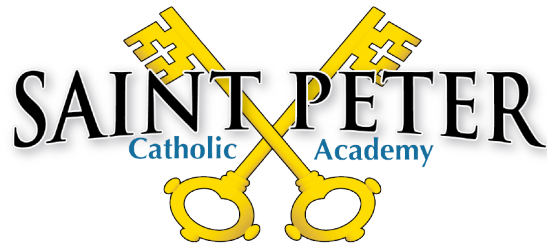
- When necessary, essential/non-essential visitors/volunteers will enter through the main doors, fill out and sign a questionnaire, and receive a health check.
- Just as a friendly reminder, all visitors to SPCA or any Catholic Institution MUST be Virtus Trained. There is a nominal fee now of \$6.00 (Background check) that will be billed to you once the Academy receives it. Please visit <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/> for additional information about training offerings.

### **WITH EACH NEW ACADEMIC YEAR COMES CHANGE**

- I am happy to announce that Ms. Brianna Vurckio, Ms. Samantha Tagliarini, Ms. Joann Badalamenti, and Mrs. Paula DiGiario will assume their new roles as Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 teachers in our Pre-K For All program. In addition the program will have a new director, Ms. Lisa Grgorinic. She can be reached at [LGrgorinic@stpeteracademy-brooklyn.org](mailto:LGrgorinic@stpeteracademy-brooklyn.org)
- We welcome Caitlin Snyder ([CSnyder@stpeteracademy-brooklyn.org](mailto:CSnyder@stpeteracademy-brooklyn.org)) as our new Kindergarten Teacher, and Gabriella Scarpaci ([GScarpaci@stpeteracademy-brooklyn.org](mailto:GScarpaci@stpeteracademy-brooklyn.org)) as our new Grade 3 teacher.

### **IMMUNIZATION**

- Please click on the link below to view the immunization requirements for entrance into schools: <https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2370.pdf>
- These requirements from the New York State and New York City Department of Health MUST be completed before your child (ren) return to school in



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September. Please note that families with children over the age of 12 are highly encouraged to speak to their pediatrician about the COVID-19 Vaccination. However, the Diocese is NOT mandating it at this time.

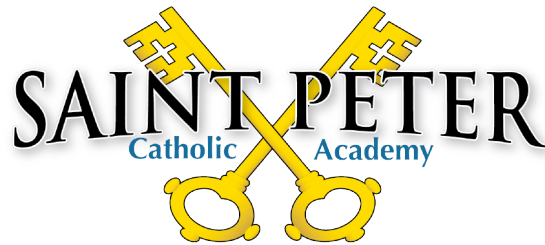
- **FLU VACCINE** – Between July 1 and December 31, all children ages 6 months to 59 months must receive one dose of flu vaccine if they attend nursery school.

We are all dedicated to your child's academic, social, and emotional development here at Saint Peter Catholic Academy. It is our goal to provide a supportive and safe learning environment for your children as we welcome them all back into the building. Through working together, we can ensure their success. If you should need to contact me, please call the Academy, and leave a message or contact me via email at [Dalfeo@stpeteracademy-brooklyn.org](mailto:Dalfeo@stpeteracademy-brooklyn.org).

Blessings,  
*Danielle Alfeo*  
Ms. Danielle Alfeo  
Principal

## FIRST DAY SCHEDULE

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The **FIRST** day of School for K-8 will be as follows:  
**Grades K -8:** Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

Grade Level	Breakfast	Arrival	Dismissal (1/2 Day Time in Parenthesis)	Arrival Entrance and Dismissal Exit Locations
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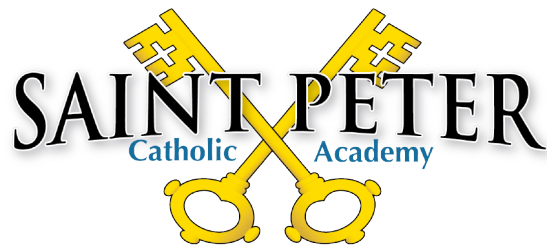
The **FIRST** day of School for **UPK 3's** and **4's** will be as follows:

**UPK 3's and 4's:** Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

**(Arrival times for Pre-K For All along with teachers will be sent separately.)**

**The first week of school will follow a 1/2 day schedule.**  
**The first FULL DAY OF SCHOOL is Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.**

- 7:30 AM** Early Drop Off
- 8:00 AM** Students arrive and head to cafeteria for free breakfast.
- 12:30 PM** Dismissal (Times vary based on schedule)  
 After School Begins on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>  
 School bus service will begin on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>



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Pre-K 3	Classroom	8:30 – 8:50	2:50 (12:00)	85 <sup>th</sup> Street Side Door
Pre-K 4	Classroom	8:30 - 8:50	2:50(1:00)	85 <sup>th</sup> Street Side Door
Kindergarten	Cafeteria	8:15 – 8:30	2:30 (12:00)	23 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue Main Entrance
Grade 1	Cafeteria	8:15 – 8:30	2:40 (12:20)	23 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue Main Entrance
Grade 2	Cafeteria	8:15 – 8:30	2:40 (12:20)	23 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue Main Entrance
Grade 3	Cafeteria	8:15 – 8:30	2:40 (12:20)	23 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue Side Entrance (Right of main entrance)
Grade 4	Cafeteria	8:15 – 8:30	2:40 (12:20)	23 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue Side Entrance (Right of main entrance)
Grade 5	Cafeteria	8:00 – 8:15	2:50 (12:30)	84 <sup>th</sup> Street Entrance (Closest to 23 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue)
Grade 6	Cafeteria	8:00 – 8:15	2:50 (12:30)	84 <sup>th</sup> Street Entrance (Closest to 23 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue)
Grade 7	Cafeteria	8:00 – 8:15	2:50 (12:30)	84 <sup>th</sup> Street Entrance (Closest to 23 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue)
Grade 8	Cafeteria	8:00 – 8:15	2:50 (12:30)	84 <sup>th</sup> Street Entrance (Closest to 23 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue)

**Staggered Arrival/Dismissal Schedule for Return to School**

Arrival Times are between 8:00 am – 8:30 am

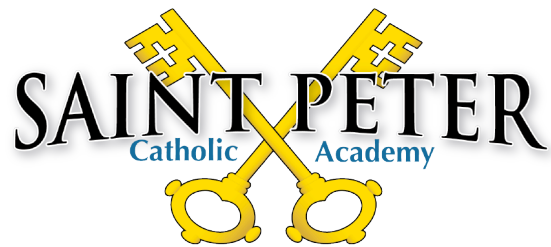
Dismissal times are between 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

**\*Color-coding below is based on arrival times only. Dismissal times may vary.\***

**\*\* Any student in grades K - 8 entering the building after 8:30 am must use the main entrance and will be marked late. \*\***

Early Drop Off		After School	
Arrival	Drop Off Location	Arrival	Pick Up Location

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<b>7:30 – 8:00 am</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue (Right of Main Entrance)</b>	<b>2:30 -3:00 pm</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue (Right of Main Entrance)</b>
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