



St. Mary's School - August Parent Letter

Who is ready for an exciting school year? It is hard to believe that August is already upon us and we are only days away from returning to school. Despite some of the challenges that 2020 has presented us, I can say with all confidence that this will be my best year at St. Mary's ever! I have been trying to answer all of your questions in a timely manner and then share them to our Facebook page. We are definitely thinking outside the box this year as no parents will be allowed in the school past the office. I thought I would take this opportunity to revisit the two most frequently asked questions.

1) What will remote learning look like if we have to do it?

This is a valid concern since safety of our staff and students is and always has been the top priority at St. Mary's School. If your child needs to stay home due to an illness, the teachers will provide a link where the student can watch the lessons as they are taught in real time and ask any questions they may have, or they may watch a recording of the lesson to be viewed at your convenience. Any papers or books they need may be picked up in the office.

2) Does my child have to wear a mask all day?

The Illinois Department of Public Health has mandated that every student will need to wear a mask while at school with exception to lunch, recess, and PE. That being said, our class sizes are small enough to provide adequate social distancing if a student needs to take a break from their mask. No student will be punished for needing a mask break. We are in the process of obtaining lanyards so the student can keep their mask on their person throughout the school day.

Thank you for your continued patience, prayers, and support for a successful school year! God Bless!

- Mr. Lavelly

We're Going Back To School

