

Dear Families:

We're happy to report that the reopening today of St. Agnes Academy for the 2020-2021 school year went very smoothly.

The half-day reunited our students with teachers and staff. It was great to see the smiles and happy eyes as students got to see their teachers and classmates who they've dearly missed over the last several months.

The reopening was conducted with all health and safety protocols in place. Masks were worn by all students and staff, social distancing was maintained, hand sanitizing stations and other necessary protocols were instituted and followed.

It goes without saying - the school is different now but we're all glad we can bring everyone together in a safe and healthy way.

The first three days of school (Sept. 2-4) will be half days for students, dedicated to adapting students to the new school environment and review and training of new safety protocols. During the afternoon, the teaching staff will assess the day, discuss adjustments necessary, and communicate any changes to families. Gym uniforms are allowed.

Please DO NOT block the driveway of the school entrance for the safety of our bus students.

Morning care starts at 7:10 from the back door of the cafeteria. School drop off is 7:40-7:50. If you drop your child off before 7:40, you will be charged for morning care.

We're asking all families for help with car line procedures. Please provide a piece of paper with the last name, names, and grades of your children. Have it visible on your car window. This will help staff members who will call them for car line directly from the classroom. Our new procedure calls for dismissal from the classroom; students will not be standing in the hallway.

We continue to ask all families to maintain all safety and health protocols to ensure the safety of all staff, students, and families. We're excited for our school community and we will continue to be vigilant, always looking out for the welfare of our students and staff.

Thank you for the confidence you place in us. We look forward to working together through this challenging time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

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