

Dear SJP Community,

We hope you are staying safe and well. We are currently preparing for several likely options, guided by the belief that the best place for our students is in school in the fall. We also hope to make the school day as normal as possible, while at the same time keeping our students and faculty safe.

We are writing today to communicate some important updates. Please read below and if you have any questions, please always feel free to reach out to Mrs. Gianni directly at fgianni@sjpschool.org

New Task Force Tab on the Website

There is now a dedicated tab on SJPSchool.org (labeled “Task Force”) that has all Task Force correspondences, updates on work done for the Fall, and resources that may be useful. Content will remain up to date as progress is made.

Reopening Updates and Explanations

There are a lot of reports in the news about New York State, New York City, and local plans to reopen. To clarify on what impacts us and what doesn't: as a Catholic Archdiocese School in New York State, SJP will follow the guidelines of New York State and the Archdiocese.

Timelines that you may have heard about affect us as follows:

- July 13: New York State will send finalized guidance to local school districts about reopening. This will help us refine our reopening plans - for example, knowing whether 3 feet or 6 feet are necessary between desks, and adapting accordingly.
- Aug 1-7: New York State will announce their decision about school openings. We will also need to hear any guidelines the Archdiocese chooses to enact.

SJP Plans and Vision for Reopening

As we communicated at the end of the school year, the task force remains hard at work on developing our SJP Reopening Plan. In doing so, we continue to take into account important state and government policy, public health recommendations, and our shared school mission. Our planning process is guided and takes into several considerations including the safety, health and well being of SJP students and families, our treasured faculty, a robust academic environment, and the social/emotional needs of each child. This is a Whole Child approach to

education. ***One of SJP's many strengths is our community-centric approach in all that we do, and we feel that this strength uniquely positions us as we plan ahead to support our collective work ahead. As we have noted, we fully hope that our children can be in school in the fall.***

To that end, SJP formed our Reopening Task Force in June to complement and support the SJP Administration working on our reopening. The Task Force is made up of the following Committees: Finance, Communication, Facility, Medical, Social Emotional, Event Planning, Technology and Academic.

The SJP Task Force met on June 11 and July 9 and its subcommittees are working daily on the important components as we develop the SJP Reopening Plan. This includes everything from measuring classrooms and spacing desks to sourcing tools for cleaning to refining academic plans and so much more. As we mentioned in our email last month, there are several scenarios that continue to be considered among many schools in our area for the fall including a fully open campus, a hybrid model (some students on campus while others are remote learning), or distance learning for the whole school. We are preparing for each of these scenarios so that we can easily meet whatever guidelines New York State and the Archdiocese deem appropriate, as outlined above in "Updates and Explanations".

Next Steps

We know that communication is very important and we will continue to provide ongoing updates. As always, please feel free to communicate any questions or concerns to Mrs. Gianni at fgianni@sjspschool.org

Thank you all for your support of the SJP community.