

## **GATOR GOINGS-ON, JULY 30TH, 2020**

Dear St. Aloysius Families,

We are all so excited to get our new school year going! We are so grateful for the opportunity to get back to in-person school, at least that's the plan now. As you know, things can quickly change.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns around COVID or anything else. We are ready, but we will learn each and every day as we live out our procedures and learn how to work better together. We need each other, and we need to care for one another and self.

Peace and health,

*Mrs. Voors*

**Specials:** There will be NO specials on August 13th or 14th. We will begin with Specials during the week of August 17th: ACE (with Capt. Vining), Library (*with a new teacher*), Apologetics (with Msgr. Galic), Gym (with Mrs. Carin Freiburger), and Art/Spanish (with Ms. Janae Unternaher).

GYM CLASS - we are not going to have students change clothes for gym until further notice.

**Online Uniform/Spirit Wear Store Open:** Please visit <https://staloysius20.itemorder.com/sale> on our school's website for new items. Know too that we have many used tops and bottoms available in various sizes. Cash and Carry!

Also on our website you will find our Family Handbook that has more details about our uniform/dress code and much more - <https://stalyoder.org/70>

**From ABC:** *July ABC Raffle Winners:* Congratulations to our July ABC raffle winners... Don & MaryJanet Andorfer \$30, Pat & Andy Wyss \$25, Dave & Jeanne Chavis \$20

**ONE HOUR EARLY Dismissals:** Please be reminded that we are having one-hour early dismissals EVERY Wednesday this year. After School Care will be available!

**Updated School Supply List:** can be found on our school website, *About Us* tab, at <https://stalyoder.org/67> Please be aware too that all students will be utilizing their own supplies all day. Supplies will not be shared or made available in bulk to students.

**Seeking New Librarian:** If you would like to serve our students as librarian during the school year on Tuesdays, please contact Mrs. Voors! Mrs. Jennie Haiflich can offer many details as to how she did things, what worked, and what didn't!

### **School RE-entry:**

- **Morning Arrival:** We will be checking symptoms while the child remains in the vehicle. If you drop off for Before Care, go to

### **Door #9 (basement)**

where Mrs. Furge will conduct a symptom check with you.

If you drop off closer to 8:10 and do not need Before Care, stop at

### **Door #1 (awning)**

Additionally, we ask that you conduct an evaluation with your child before you leave the house. Here is a link to the CDC and their listing and descriptions of symptoms of COVID:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

- **Drop off** will take some time. Because we will be symptom-checking every student in every car, the line may move more slowly. NO ONE will be counted tardy within that span of time. We will get better at it and so will you, so it should go more smoothly later on.
- Students will enter the building with their **masks** on and go to their locker/hook, and then their grade level tables in the basement, apart from one another.
  - *By recommendation:* The Allen County Department of Health follows the recommendations of the CDC and ISDH that ONE OR MORE symptoms (if not otherwise explained) may prevent a child from coming into the school building.
  - We will follow that as well, but we need you to help us determine the source and cause of the symptom - key: "if not otherwise explained".
    - *Think in terms of exposure - if your child has not been around someone with symptoms or a positive case AND has one or more symptoms on the list that are otherwise explained, then maybe he/she is ok.*
    - This is NOT an exact science. Rather, we need to think critically and reasonably about the circumstances. The goal is to be here! But if there is strong evidence to believe the child should not attend because of COVID, we will implement remote learning for him/her for the length of time needed.
- **Bottled Water:** For now, please send your child to school with bottled water in a SPILL-PROOF bottle - enough for the day. They will be working around their Chromebooks and iPads, so we'd like to protect them as much as possible:-). Our drinking fountains will be inaccessible for now.

- **Face Covering:** Please continue to practice with your children wearing masks for an extended period of time. There will be periods throughout the day when they can remove them, but they should be used to wearing them and seeing people wearing them as well.
- **Remote Learning** - We have a few different tools we can use to live stream instruction online to your child at home. There will also be opportunities for your child and his/her teacher(s) to talk via Google Meet, phone or email as appropriate. We pray that it is a short-lived absence with a health return.
- We are asking each family to provide **5 contacts** in case a child needs to be picked up early due to illness. There is a Google Form that will collect those 5 contacts. The data will be populated into a sheet that Sue and I will use to get in touch with someone quickly. That link is <https://forms.gle/xTKj7W7CZsgUaa2FA> Please complete this as soon as possible. (5 contacts are required - if you don't have 5, just repeat one so you can complete the questionnaire.)
- **Recess** will be outside as much as possible. We'd like to avoid masks while outside so the students can play! Distancing is still important. The teachers and I are working on how to handle those details and what to do in inclement weather.
- **Restrooms visits** will be in turn and different grades will use the restrooms in the gym, the staff restroom if needed, and the upstairs restrooms at different intervals to allow room and time. Again, I'm relying on the insight of the teachers for those details.
- **Afternoon Pickup** will follow the same procedure as last year: all students will go to the gym and be seated as family cohorts, allowing space between the families. Parents will still enter the campus on the south/church side parking lot and drive around the back of the school to the side walk outside Door #1.
  - Students will exit the building **with their mask on** and come directly to your car. When children have entered their cars and are secure, those 3 to 4 cars can pull away and exit the school lot on the north side near the white fence.
- **Pick up/Drop off during the day** - we will meet your child at the door and walk them in, or we will walk your child out to Door #1 and release him/her out the door. Please remain in your car.

**Please let us know what is working and what is not! We need each other to make this all work well!**