



“Making mistakes simply mean you are learning faster.”

September 9, 2020

Dear St. Matthias Families:

As we continue to move forward with this school year, we are learning from our mistakes and making adjustments as best we can. It is my guess that this year will be full of starts, stops, twists, and turns. All of our patience will be tested, but as a caring community we all will need to breathe and pivot the best we can and support one another.

Just a few notes for you to beware of on this our second week of school.

1. Tomorrow, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, we will be having our virtual Back to School Night. This will be an opportunity to begin forging our home-school connections and clarifying how certain things will work in your child’s classroom. Your child’s homeroom teacher will be sending out a “Meet” code for you to see the presentation.
2. As we begin to serve lunch this week, we are working out the kinks in timing as well as purchasing lunches. It is our hope to have an online purchasing system in place in October. Stay tuned for more information.
3. On Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> all students will begin arriving at the same time. Our littlest learners take much more time to get out of the car and we want them to be safe in doing so. Beginning on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> if you have a Preschooler, Kindergartner or First grader you **MUST** use lane 1 for drop off. If you are in lane two you will be asked to go back and join lane one. If you have a child in grades two through eight in addition to your little learner, all will get out in lane one.
4. There are still a few students who did not turn in the COVID-19 Hold Harmless form. The Main Office contacted you today. If we do not have that paperwork in our hands by tomorrow your child will not be permitted to stay the day in school. Please note we only need one of these on file per student. You **do not** need to fill this out daily.
5. Finally, if you are making a change from virtual to in-person learning, you **MUST** email me directly and we will assign you a return date. On that date you must have the Hold Harmless form with you to be admitted to school.

This year more than any other year we need to support, care, and trust one another. As always, I am available via email or phone and within the next couple of weeks I will be setting up virtual office hours.

In His Peace,

Elena Malinconico  
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