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Dear Parents,

**Re: Early Learning Information 2020-2021**

We are excited to welcome back our St. Teresa of Avila families for the 2020-2021 school year! While we know that this year may look different from others, we are confident that safety measures have been put in place to ensure a safe environment for all. We will do our best to ease your child into their new classroom in a safe, but caring way. Our division theme is, 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart' and we will rely on this theme to guide our school year.

We thank you for your patience as we navigate the new circumstances and protocols while offering your child the opportunity to grow and flourish as they enter school. Below you will see the staggered entry schedule for the first 6 days of school.

**Pre-Kindergarten Staggered Entry August 31- September 8, 2020**

*Please note that the children will attend for their entire morning or afternoon program assigned following their last name staggered entry days.*

*Please note that the*

- AM grouping listed below will attend from: 8:25 - 11:25 (students to begin entry at 8:20)*
- PM grouping listed below will attend from: 12:00 - 3:00 (will begin dismissal at 2:55)*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
31	1	2	3	4
Last Names A-K	Last Names L-Z	Last Names A-K	Last Names L-Z	No school for students -

				Pre-K PLC Day
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
No School	No Students - Teachers will be reaching out to parents via phone call to touch base about your child	All students attend	All students attend	No school for students programming as per usual calendar.

### **Kindergarten Staggered Entry August 31- September 8, 2020**

*Please note that due to every other day programming, the divisional staggered entry schedule will not work so the following schedule should be followed.*

*Please note that the*

- *AM grouping listed below will attend from: 8:25 - 11:25 (students to begin entry at 8:20)*
- *PM grouping listed below will attend from: 12:00 - 3:00 (will begin dismissal at 2:55)*

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>31 - M/W Group</b>	<b>1- T/TH Group</b>	<b>2 - M/W Group</b>	<b>3 - T/TH Group</b>	<b>4 - M/W Group</b>
AM: A-K PM: L-Z	AM: A-K PM: L-Z	AM: A-K PM: L-Z	AM: A-K PM: L-Z	AM: A-K PM: L-Z
<b>7</b>	<b>8 - T/TH Group</b>	<b>9 - M/W Group</b>	<b>10 - T/TH Group</b>	<b>11 - M/W Group</b>
No School	AM: A-K PM: L-Z	Regular Programming	Regular Programming	Regular Programming

During these staggered entry days, in order to help with the transition please meet your child's teacher at their grade-level entryway where you will see hula hoops on the ground; Pre-Kindergarten entry is on the north side of the school with 5 blue hula hoops

and Kindergarten entry is on the north east of the school with 5 red hula hoops. Parent and child will find a hula hoop to stand in and wait for the teacher to greet them and welcome the child into the school. We envision this as a very brief exchange. At this time, the parent will then leave and the child will go into the building. If all hula hoops are taken when they arrive, please stand a ways away or wait in your vehicle until one becomes available.

We have adjusted our start time for Pre-K and Kindergarten by 5 minutes to allow for the greater ease of traffic flow and parking. This will help a bit, however we know that we still have a very busy parking lot. Your child's teacher will dismiss students from their entry way at the end of the day. Please come dressed for any weather as we will be starting each day outside. We ask that you maintain social distancing protocols during this outside drop off and pick up time. We also ask parents to please consider wearing a mask. Staff will also wear masks.

Although we know that this might be difficult, it will be at this outside location where you will say goodbye to your child before they enter school as parents will not be permitted to enter the school. While we understand that this might not have been what you envisioned for your child's first school experience, we thank you for working alongside us to ensure that the safety of all students in our school is a priority.

Please note that there will be no Meet the Staff evening or Parent Meeting this school year as was mentioned in the letter that was sent home in June. Your child's teacher will make contact with you by the end of the day on August 28th to let you know which supplies they will require for your child's first day. We also remind you that masks are not mandatory in school for students in Pre-K to Grade 3, however are recommended if your child will be riding the bus to and from school. The link to the [RDCRS Parent/Student Handbook](#) can be found here and is being updated as we learn new information or as directives from our government or Chief Medical Officer change.

Please do not hesitate to contact our school office if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Yours in Catholic Education,



J. Nicole Zimmerman  
Principal



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