



Guardian Angel School

Back to School Newsletter

Issue 1

Week of August 23, 2021

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL – Wednesday, September 8th

Welcome Back! The 2021-2022 school year is almost upon us! As we prepare to open our doors to our students, faculty and staff, our goal is to make the transition as smooth as possible given the new guidelines being put in place to ensure the safety of everyone in our school community. As you receive these newsletters, I ask that you please read through the information carefully. Our first Newsletter of the school year will help you prepare for the first day/week of school.

OPENING SCHOOL PLAN

The Health & Safety Task Force of the Archdiocese of New York has released the opening school plan for this upcoming school year. You should have received the opening plan via email. Please click [HERE](#) to access the document. Some of the key highlights of the plan are:

- All students in Grades PreK through 8th Grade will be **required** to wear a mask in the school building at all times.
- All students will be attending school “in-person”, with **no remote** option.
- Every class will be considered a cohort with **3 feet social distancing** in the classroom.
- Breakfast and Lunch will be served in the classroom. Students have the option of bringing their own lunch. All students are to bring in a bottle of water daily as water fountains will not be operational. No glass bottles allowed.

AFTERSCHOOL

- Our Afterschool Program will take place every full day of school from 2:45pm to 6:00pm. More information will follow as it relates to registration and programming.
- Families will receive information on afterschool registration during the first week of school. Afterschool will begin on Monday, September 13th.

MORNING ARRIVAL

Arrival - Due to our safety guidelines, early morning drop-off will not be available at this time. Therefore, students are to arrive between the following times based on their grade level:

Grades Pre-K through Kindergarten:	7:50am – 8:30am
Grades 1 through 4:	7:50am – 8:20am
Grades 5 through 8:	7:50am – 8:10am

Prior to entering the school building, students will have their temperatures checked by a staff member. Once cleared, they will go directly to their classroom. Students in Grades PreK through Kindergarten will be accompanied by a staff member to their classroom. **Parents, caregivers, and visitors will not be permitted in the building at this time.**

ARRIVAL ENTRANCES

- PreK, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade will enter through the gate to the right of the main entrance leading into our long hall. Staff members will be there to greet the students.
- Grades 2 - 8 will enter through the main entrance of the school building.

DISMISSAL

Classes will be dismissed through the following exits of our school building.

Main Entrance	Exit to the Right of Main Entrance
Pre-K Grades 2, 4, 5 and 6	Kindergarten Grades 1, 3, 7 and 8

Classes will be dismissed at the following times:

Pre-K & Kindergarten – 2:45pm Grades 1 through 8 – 3:00pm

**** Grades 1 through 8 will be dismissed across the street in front of the park.****

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

As per my email, this year we have partnered with School Toolbox to offer our families the opportunity to purchase your child's school supplies online and have them shipped directly to your home. Please click [HERE](#) for more information. (There is no supply list for students entering the PREK FOR ALL (**4 year-old program**)).

For students in Kindergarten through Grade 8, school notebooks and tablet (lined paper) can only be purchased in school. These will be available for purchase beginning on the first day of school.

EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILIES ONLY **(PreK & Kindergarten)**

To help ease the transition for our youngest students, PreK and Kindergarten will be dismissed at 11:45 am on September 8th, 9th, and 10th. On Monday, September 13th dismissal will be at 2:45pm.

