

August 26, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have some news to share regarding the opening of school. Unfortunately, Nurse Lisa will not be returning to us this year. Our nurses and nursing services are provided by the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ). When we reached out to them regarding obtaining a replacement nurse, they informed us that in the past 2 weeks they have had approximately 14 nurses either resign or go on FMLA leave. Therefore, they are unable to provide another nurse for us at this time.

Considering the fact that we are in the midst of a statewide health emergency, we cannot open the building to students without a nurse on staff. We are hopeful that we will be able to find a replacement within the next two weeks. Therefore, the Diocese of Metuchen has advised us to postpone our first day of school to Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

We still plan to have our Remote Learning Set Up Day on Tuesday, September 1, as well as the Pre-K and Kindergarten Orientations on Wednesday, September 2. As long as we have a new nurse in place by Friday, September 4, we will plan to open for all students in grades Pre-K 3 through 8 on Tuesday, September 8. September 8 and 9 will be 12:20 dismissals. September 10 and 11 will be regular 2:00 dismissals.

If we do not have a nurse hired by Friday, September 4, we will plan to start with remote learning for all students on Wednesday, September 9. Tuesday, September 8 will a supply pick-up day for all students who have not signed up for remote learning. We will then remain remote for all students until a new nurse is in place.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause, and we remain hopeful that we will be able open our doors for our students on Tuesday, September 8. As always, thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

Annette Pioppo

Principal