

August, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The theme for our school year is “Each of us is an essential piece to God’s plan.” Each of us has strengths and skills to share. When we link our individual strengths together we can fulfill God’s plan for us here at Pope John Paul II Regional School.

Below are some essential pieces of information for a successful year at Pope John Paul II Regional School:

### **New Parents to our School**

#### **Arrival**

The school day begins with prayers at 8:00 AM. Parents should drop off children at the door facing the parking lot. Children should exit cars on the driver side with their book bags so parents do not need to get out of their cars. Buses will leave children off at the carport entrance. Prior to 7:45 A.M. but not before 7:30 A.M. all students should report to Msgr. Bogdan Hall cafeteria where an adult will monitor students. At 7:45 A.M. students will be sent to their classrooms. If students arrive after 8:00 A.M. then they will be marked late at the main office.

#### **Dismissal**

- Cars may enter the parking lot at 2:30 P.M. for full days and 11:45 AM for half days for all grades.
- Please use the driveway entrance by the library wing/garage area.
- Please form single lines facing Charleston Road; lines are in grade order with kindergarten being closest to the school. Pull up to the orange cones and wait in your car.
- Cars should not move until every child is safely in a car. Teachers on duty will give the signal when cars may begin moving.
- Cars should exit straight ahead onto Charleston Road.
- Cars should not use the exit by the carport during loading of buses.

### **Kindergarten**

On September 3<sup>rd</sup>, students and their parents may come to a Meet and Greet session with their teacher anytime between 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM for a fifteen to twenty minute period of your choice. This Meet and Greet session will give students and parents an opportunity to become acquainted with the teacher, and the classroom and morning routines. **On September 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten students will report to school for a full day.** Students will be able to purchase a lunch if they choose beginning September 4<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten students follow the regular school schedule 8:00 AM – 2:45 PM. Please be sure your child knows how they will be going home. Please make sure your child brings a snack, and a lunch on full days (if they are not purchasing), and pictures of themselves and a picture of anyone who will

be picking your child up from school. These pictures should be clearly labeled with the person's name and the child's name.

### **Grades 1 – 8**

Students will report to school on **September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 AM with a 12:00 PM** dismissal with bus transportation. The students will report to Msgr. Bogdan Hall and sit in the appropriate section for their grade. Teachers will take them to their assigned classrooms. September 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> report to school at 8:00 AM with dismissal at 2:45 PM. Students will be able to purchase a lunch if they choose beginning September 4<sup>th</sup>. Bus transportation will be provided for eligible students.

### **School Uniforms**

Students in grades PreK – 8 at Pope John Paul II Regional School are expected to wear their school uniforms beginning September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Spring uniforms (shorts) may be worn until October 31<sup>st</sup>. For safety reasons, tied shoes are requested. **White socks and sneakers are permitted only if wearing the summer uniform shorts** purchased at Flynn & O'Hara which is now conveniently located in Cherry Hill.

### **Stationery/Summer Reading/Summer Math**

Stationery, summer reading and math requirements for each grade were sent home in June with previously enrolled students. **If your child has misplaced his/her reading assignment/stationery list/Math assignment they can be found on the school's website at [pjpiirs.com](http://pjpiirs.com).** Go to classrooms and then find the appropriate grade.

### **School Calendar**

Enclosed you will find an updated school calendar for the 2019-2020 school year. Please note that **Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> will now be a half day with noon dismissal.** Back to School Night will be held on September 10<sup>th</sup> instead of September 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Safe Program**

Our before and after school program will begin on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Students will need to bring a lunch if they are staying.

### **Transportation**

If your child(ren) meets the district's eligibility requirements and you have completed and given your form to the school office, then you will be notified by mail about pick-up and drop off times and places by Willingboro. Students previously transported from other areas such as Beverly, Edgewater Park, Riverside and Burlington will be notified by the Stewart bus company.

### **Tuition**

Tuition bills were mailed the first week of August to all who are not enrolled in FACTS Management. Payment is due in full by September 6<sup>th</sup> to receive the 2% discount. If you still wish to enroll in FACTS this must be done before school begins and all missed payments must be made up. If you have any questions, please call the Business Manager, Lisa O'Leary, at 877-2144. Business Office summer hours are Monday – Thursday, 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM.

### **Lunch Program**

The lunch program is provided by Princeton Food Management Association at a cost of \$3.35 per day. Monthly menus are sent home. See enclosed. Several snack items are sold each day at an additional cost. Snack prices range from \$.50 to \$2.00. A pre-payment plan is available with all checks made payable to Pope John Paul II Regional School.

### **Back to School Social**

The PTA is sponsoring this event on September 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM. at a cost of \$5.00 per child. Each child will receive a hot dog and Juice. Additional snack items will be sold including Rita's Water Ice.

### **Back-to-School Night**

On **Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** in Bogdan Hall you will have the opportunity to meet our PTA board and our school staff. Light refreshments will be served. At least one parent from each family **must** attend to receive valuable information from your child's teacher(s).

### **Welcome New Staff**

We welcome Mrs. Krista Devers as the fifth grade teacher. Mrs. Devers previously taught at St. Mary of the Assumption and subbed in public schools. She is a wonderful addition to our PJP II family and she is excited about meeting you and your children.

### **School Website**

Please visit our school website [pjpiirs.com](http://pjpiirs.com) to receive up-to-date information. Please remember to save those box tops and Shop Rite, Burlington receipts.

In closing, I hope that you and your family enjoy the remaining gifts of summer. On behalf of our entire PJP II Staff, we look forward to another wonderful year as we share the responsibilities of educating your child/ren. If I can be of further assistance, please call the school office at 609-877-2144. I look forward to working with you and your families.

Sincerely,

Catherine Zagola  
Principal



