

# St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School

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## First Day of School Reminders

September 2, 2020,

Dear parents/guardians,

We would like to thank you all very much for all your support, understanding, and patience as we work through a challenging time for schools together. This year will be interesting, but our school community always finds a way to make things work in support of our students.

We have worked out a staggered entry plan for all our students. The first day of school will be as follows:

**Jr. Kindergarten** – Classroom teachers will contact families directly to communicate your child's start date. It will be one of the days between September 8-14.

### **Sr. Kindergarten:**

-All students with a last name beginning with **A-L** will attend school on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> with all students attending school on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> and onward.

-All students with a last name beginning with **M-Z** will attend school on Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> with all students attending school on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> and onward.

### **Grades 1-8:**

-All students with a last name beginning with **A-L** will attend school on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> with all students attending school on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> and onward.

-All students with a last name beginning with **M-Z** will attend school on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> with all students attending school on Monday September 14<sup>th</sup> and onward.

This staggered start will allow us to ensure our students are able to enter school safely, ensuring that all our COVID protocols are followed. The lower student numbers to begin the school year will help our staff, students, and parents to become acquainted with many new procedures before everyone arrives on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Where do I go when I get to school in the morning on the first day?**

There is no outside recess before school begins while our COVID restrictions are in place. Students who ride the bus to school can enter through the front doors and proceed to their classroom. Students who walk or are driven to school can enter through their designated door after 8:50 (the door closest to their classroom) and proceed to their classroom. At the end of the day, students will exit out the same doors, unless they are taking the bus home (Bus riders will use the front entrance doors to proceed to their busses after school.). Staff members will be in the front foyer and entrance/exits doors of the school to assist with this process.

### **Parking Lot**

Please note that our parking lot will not be available for use between 8:30 and 9:15 as well as 3:00-3:45 this year. This measure is taken entirely in the interest of safety and to relieve congestion. Please use the adjoining city streets for student drop-off and pick-up. Thank you in advance for continuing to refrain from using our front fire lane before and after school as well.

### **Can I come into the building with my child?**

No. Parents/guardians are asked to remain outside while a staff member assists your child with getting to the classroom, if needed.

### **How do I know what class my child is in and who his/her teacher will be?**

A note was sent home via School Messenger to inform parents about who their child's teacher will be and where the classroom is generally located. If a student arrives at school and is still unsure what classroom they have been assigned to this year, a staff member will be here to help them out and get them to class safely. Our staggered entry for students will also greatly assist with this process.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding as we make our way through a very complex school start up. We very much look forward to being back in class with our students!

Mr. C. Minutillo  
Principal

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Vice-principal