



Immaculate Conception Parish School

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Dear Families of Immaculate Conception Parish School:

As you know there is much discussion and speculation about how the schools will reopen in September of 2020. On June 25th, the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Jeffrey C. Riley, issued an Initial Fall School Reopening Guidance Report. Mr. Riley stated in the report's introduction: "If the current positive public health metrics hold, we believe that when we follow critical health requirements, we can safely return to in-person school this fall with plans in place to protect all members of our educational community."

Immaculate Conceptions Parish School will be developing a comprehensive health and safety plan this summer following the guidance from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Catholic Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Boston. As the summer progresses, we know that our plans are subject to change. Therefore, at this time we will need to be flexible with our plans.

As we approach August, I foresee more beneficial changes teaching children in-person settings. By mid-August, Immaculate Conception Parish School will have a Health and Safety Plan that will accommodate the changes that will continue to happen from now to the first day of school on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. First day of school orientation for Pre-school and Pre-kindergarten is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2020.

The Health and Safety Draft Plan will be disseminated among the School Advisory Board, Parents of Immaculate Conception School Planning Committee (PICS), Welcoming Committee, Faculty and Staff to review and discuss. We will value the input and advice from all to protect the health and safety of all God's children.

We will also develop a remote learning plan and a school model that combines in-person and remote learning. This will help in case local conditions can change.

Just a reminder, the school will be closed from July 1st to July 7th. To come to the school, please arrange for an appointment and call Ms. Urrego, the School Secretary.

Please check the website icrevere.org for announcements and alerts. Summer Reading and Supply lists are posted under Students.

There is additional good news that I would like to share with you on the following page.

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- Immaculate Conception Parish School has been awarded a City Connects Grant via Catholic Schools Foundation to hire a City Connects Coordinator. This is a full-time position to provide resources for the children of Immaculate Conception School.
- As we stated at our Parent Assemblies Immaculate Conception Parish School's enrollments in several of our classes were full. This happened before the pandemic impelled the governor to close our schools on March 16th. Although remote learning is not the favorable way to teach children and can never replace person to person instruction, Immaculate Conception Parish School was publicly noted for extremely sound results in launching a most effective on-learning educational program.
- With all the hurdles initiating an on-line learning system in elementary education, the Immaculate Conception School community persisted and shone brightly as one of the best schools in connecting and engaging the children in on-line learning. I would like to thank Mrs. Tracy, the Academic Coordinator, in supporting the teachers and families in this endeavor. As a result, more families found out about how well IC responded to students during this exceedingly difficult time. Our school's classes were filling up before we heard the sad news of Saint Rose of Lima's closing. I would like to take this moment in welcoming students and families from Saint Rose of Lima who will be coming to Immaculate Conception School this September. Let us continue to stand together under the protective mantle of the Blessed Mother as she guides us toward the eternal love of our Lord Jesus Christ!
- Remember that the Catholic Church teaches the parents are the primary educators of the children. Without the faith formation that I received from my father and mother; I would not be the Principal of Immaculate Conception School.
- Please advocate for your children by contacting your state representative, state senator, governor and the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education to respond to your child's health and well-being. If you need help in communicating with them, please call the office or email me.

Yours in Christ,

Stephen P. Hanley

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