



Weekly Newsletter August 16, 2019

New Drop-Off/Pick-Up Traffic Plan

This year, St. Mary's has decided to make some adjustment to the Drop-Off/Pick-Up traffic procedures for the ease and safety of our school families. Please see the new procedures here and attached to this newsletter as a PDF.

There are three pick-up and drop-off zones:

YELLOW	Group A: 4 th -8 th Grades	Parish Hall Entrance
BLUE	Group B: K-3 rd Grades	Front Entrance
ORANGE	Group C: Pre-K	Pre-K Door

Families with multiple children - all children will be received and/or dismissed with the **youngest student** in the family.

All parents are to enter through the main entrance on Piscataway Road. No one should be using the access road.

- Students in grades K through 8 will be escorted to their zones by their teacher.
- Students will be dismissed in ONE lane.
- There will always be one lane open for through traffic. Please do not stop in the through traffic lane.
- Once students are safely in their vehicles, a teacher/staff member will direct traffic to move.

Pre-Kindergarten:

- Parents will drive around in the through lane and PARK in the Pre-K area (orange).
- Please go to the door and pick up your child(ren) from Mrs. True.
- Once you and your child are safely in your vehicle, safely enter the traffic lane to exit.

All Parents: Please make sure you are driving slowly around campus. Everyone's goal is to get the children to and from school safely!

Inclement Weather: Dismissal will run exactly the same, except the children in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade will be inside the building. Teachers and patrol members will call students outside when their car arrives.

There will be signs and staff to help direct you until we get into the groove of this new procedure. There is also a PDF attached to this newsletter that will help. We encourage you to print it and bring it with you on the first day of school.



Looking Ahead

- † **Sunday - Saturday, August 11-17**
Maryland Tax-Free Week
- † **Saturday, August 17**
Clean Up Day 8:00-12:00
(Volunteer Opportunity)
Uniform Sale and Exchange
8:00-12:00
- † **Tuesday, August 20**
First Day for Teachers
Professional Development
- † **Friday, August 23**
All School Family Picnic 5:30-7:30
Open House 1:00-3:00
- † **Tuesday, August 27**
First Day of School
Early Dismissal 12:00
- † **Friday, August 30**
All School Mass
- † **Monday, September 2**
Labor Day
School Closed
- † **Tuesday, September 3**
Back to School Night 6:00
- † **Friday, September 6**
Grandparents Day Program
Early Dismissal 12:00
- † **Monday, September 9**
Open House 9:00-1:00
- † **Tuesday, September 10**
Enrollment Forms and Immunization Records Submission Deadline
- † **Wednesday, September 11**
911 Remembrance
- † **Friday, September 20**
Faculty and Staff Retreat
School Closed
- † **Monday, September 23**
Autumnal Equinox
- † **Wednesday, September 25**
Vision & Hearing Screening 9:00
- † **Friday, September 27**
Progress Reports Sent Out
Open House 9:00-1:00
Native American Day
- † **Monday, September 30**
All School Mass
- † **Wednesday, October 2**
National Custodial Worker's Recognition Day



Volunteers Needed for Cleanup Day, August 17

Every year, we rely on the help from parents to get the facility cleaned and ready for teachers. If you are able to help on Saturday, August 17th, please be sure to sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054AACAC2EAOFB6-school>.

Please BRING CLEANING SUPPLIES and tools so that we have enough for everyone to pitch in.



CLEANUP DAY TOMORROW!

Saturday, August 17
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

RSVP for the Annual All School Picnic

Let's celebrate the beginning of the school year together! School will provide iced tea, lemonade, hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share!

Friday, August 23 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

You will be able to take a look at the new renovations, meet the teachers, and make some new friends! Be sure to RSVP by clicking here:

<http://evite.me/XzX5RPvCDZ>



Important Changes to Child Protection Services Procedures

The Archdiocese of Washington (ADW) Child Protection office has revised the volunteer background check policies. In the past, all volunteers that work with children or would like to chaperone events that involve children, would have an electronic background check. Now everyone must be fingerprinted. Volunteers that have already been Virtus trained and approved have until January 2020 to comply with the new regulations or your Virtus clearance will be suspended. Fingerprinting costs must be covered by the volunteer. Fees range from \$40-\$60. Here are the steps to becoming a Virtus cleared volunteer:

1. **Submit** a [Virtus Volunteer Application](#) to the Virtus Coordinator, May Robinson, at the school office.
2. **Register** online for a Virtus account at www.virtusonline.org. Directions may be found [HERE](#).
3. **Attend** a *Protecting God's Children for Adults* training session. Registration for the training sessions will be available when you register for your online Virtus account.
4. **Complete** a [Livescan Pre-Registration Form](#) and bring it with you to a fingerprinting center. Be sure to bring valid government issued identification. A list of locations can be found here: <https://www.dpscs.state.md.us/publicservs/fingerprint.shtm!>.

Once you have completed all of these steps, May Robinson in the school office will be in touch with you to confirm your Virtus clearance.

**UNIFORM
SALE AND
EXCHANGE**

Saturday, August 17
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

in the Parish Hall

THANK YOU

**RANDALL
DRAPERIES**

FOR REPAIRING OUR CLASSROOM
WINDOW COVERINGS

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