



Saint John Paul II School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I pray that you and your families continue to be well and safe. Our administration, teachers, staff, students, and parents are all working hard together and sharing of our faith is the piece that makes it so successful.

Governor Lamont indicated yesterday that he envisions schools be re-opened in the fall. We still do not know what that may look like or if it is even possible. I pray that he is correct. I can ensure you that the faculty and staff at JPII along with myself will be planning all summer for that to happen. We will follow all guidance from the state, local health departments, Diocese of Norwich and the Middletown public school system. I have reached out to Middletown public and the final guidance from the State Department of Education should be released around June 20th. I will keep you all informed as we progress through the plans for re-opening the school. As always, the safety and health of our staff and students is the top priority.

I also want to announce that we will have a reverse drive-by at the school on Friday, June 5th from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. All of you are invited to drive through the school parking lot at that time to see members of the faculty and staff. The teachers and staff members will be spaced apart in a horseshoe formation in the parking lot. All vehicles must enter the parking lot at the Pre-K building entrance and exit the parking lot near the church. I have coordinated this with the Middletown Police Department who will provide an officer to assist us with traffic control. The staff and I anxiously await the opportunity to see our students and families again. I hope you will all participate.

As I previously announced, all instruction for this school year will end on Friday, May 29th. The following week, June 1-5 will be a time for students to complete outstanding assignments and make sure everything is up to date. Our teachers will use this time to complete grading. Grades for the year will close on Friday, June 5. The week of June 8-12 will be a time for students and parents to stop by the school to pick up any personal belongings that may have been left in their classrooms or lockers. You will also be able to return books, computers, or tablets that belong to the school. All middle school students need to turn their laptops in to Mrs. Hoover to be cleaned and checked. The schedule for that week will be published next week.

We are still in the planning stages for a virtual graduation for our 8th graders and continue to hope that we will be able to do a live graduation at some time. This will depend on the opening of the churches as well as the capacity and distancing protocols that will be put in place.

Finally, as we celebrate Memorial Day on Monday, I ask that you pray for those individuals who sacrificed their lives for our nation. Also, continue to pray for those who are suffering from Covid-19.

I pray you all stay safe and well. May God continue to bless you and your families.

Sincerely,

Mr. Larry Fitzgerald BS, MS, 6th Year
Principal