



# ST. RAPHAEL

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Preschool – Eighth Grade • Crystal, Minnesota

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July 6, 2020

Dear SRS Parents,

Peace to you in Jesus' name. I hope your family is doing well, staying safe and healthy. We hope you are enjoying this summer while taking all the precautions necessary.

We would like to remind you to enroll now for the 2020-2021 school. We are working very hard on your Tuition Agreements and as you navigate registration, please do not hesitate to call with any questions or concerns. **Great News!** Mrs. Carolyn Pugh has been hired this summer as our "Retention and Enrollment Specialist"! If you have questions about registration or need help enrolling, Mrs. Pugh can be reached at [carolyn.pugh@srsmn](mailto:carolyn.pugh@srsmn), or Cell: 763-258-3808. Wendy can also be reached at [wendy.sosa@srsmn.org](mailto:wendy.sosa@srsmn.org) or (763) 504-9450, for any assistance or questions you may have!

Registering as soon as you can, will allow students to participate in the Aim Higher Foundation. Aim Higher has opened a new window for **SCHOLARSHIPS!** Find the link below:

<https://aimhigherfoundation.org/2020/06/this-summer-more-1000-catholic-school-scholarships-available/>

## **COVID-19**

Our school leadership and staff have been working diligently to assure that our school is safe and ready to open in the Fall. Please see the important document below called, "**What You Need to Know About Returning to School**". The safety of our students, staff, and families is the first priority here at Saint Raphael Catholic School.

## **Recruitment and Retention**

Our Marketing Committee has been busy and productive! Thank you to Lissa Finne for chairing this important committee. We will look for any and all the help we can get for the following initiatives:

**Neighborhood Canvassing:** Week of July 20-24, we will be hitting the streets and knocking on doors to invite people to our wonderful school. Please consider joining us for one or more of these days.

**Open Houses:**

**Saturday, August 1st**

**Thursday, August 13th**

Come join us with your family and bring a new family to see our school.

Principal Dull will be grilling.

**Important Dates to Remember:**

Mark your calendar: ***Back To School Night*** will be **Tuesday, August 25, 2020**. More details to follow. ***The First Day of School*** is a full day on **Tuesday, September 8, 2020**.

**Summer Office Hours**

Summer Office Hours are as follows:

Monday-Friday

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Or, by Appointment

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me, or schedule an appointment with me through either Mrs. Pugh or Mrs. Sosa.

It's a great day to be a Saint!

Sincerely,

Paul Dull  
Principal



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## What You Need to Know Now About Returning to School

**St. Raphael Catholic School will return to in-person instruction this fall.** Our leadership and staff are committed to providing your child with a safe and healthy environment in which to learn. The school is working closely with the Archdiocese and local health experts to ensure there is an effective plan in place to reduce exposure risk for students, staff, and families. St. Raphael's will take every precaution necessary, and families will have a role as well.

We are committed to sharing our plans with you, and we will provide updates as additional plans are made or if plans change. Because the COVID-19 pandemic is an evolving situation, some pieces of the plan will be announced closer to the start of the school year in September. This is what we know now.

### St. Raphael Catholic School will:

1. Take the temperature of students upon arrival, and students with a temp higher than 100.3 will be sent home immediately
2. Group students by class. Classes will not be allowed to mingle with other classes
3. Arrange classrooms and learning areas so that students are socially distanced from one another
4. Stagger schedules to allow for the disinfecting of surfaces between class periods, and to ensure safe and socially-distanced passing in the hallways
5. Require students and staff to wear masks in common areas like hallways, but not classrooms or the lunchroom
6. Disinfect touch points like door handles, desks, railings throughout the school day
7. Disinfect bathrooms on a more frequent basis during the school day
8. Serve students opting for school lunch instead of having students go through the lunch line
9. Arrange the cafeteria and stagger lunch times to socially distance students
10. Thoroughly disinfect the school, including classrooms, each evening by a professional cleaning service

### Parents will need to:

1. Take the temperature of your child before leaving home (your child's temperature can be no higher than 100.3)
2. Provide a water bottle with your child's name on it and send it with your child every day (water fountains will be turned off)
3. Provide a mask for your child to wear in common areas, not in classrooms
4. Communicate immediately if your child or a family member displays symptoms or is exposed to an infected person

### More information to come about:

1. Drop-off and pick-up arrangements
  2. Extended Day (EDs) Program and logistics
  3. Sports and extra-curricular activities and logistics
  4. Weekly Mass and logistics
  5. Back to School Night
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