



# St. Augustine of Canterbury School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope this Constant Contact finds you enjoying the beginning weeks of summer. It is just about a month ago that we celebrated our last day of school. Now we are preparing to celebrate the Fourth of July.

In the last school communication, we recommended that our parents frequent our social media and be attentive to Constant Contact and Honeywell messages for updates and/or accurate information regarding St. Augustine's Smart Restart Program. Be assured, we have been working diligently on it. The Diocese of Metuchen has been working on it and organized a Task Force. The plan is expected to be shared early next week. Father Bob, our Pastor, also has been brainstorming on how we can accommodate our students and keep them safe. Therefore, he has organized a St. A's Task Force which will be meeting next week. The members are: Father Bob, Mr. Modzelewski, Vice Principal; Donna Hermosilla, our school nurse; Dr. Bobak Bidabadi, Pediatrician and Parent; Erinn Beagin, Physician and Parent; Ms. Jessica Hulnik, Physical Education teacher and our Safety Moderator; Mrs. Amy O'Donnell, teacher and Alumni Parent; Mrs. Leilani Okamura, H.S.A. President; Mr. Tony DeBari, Technology Coordinator and myself, as Principal. It is our goal to find the best possible way to have our students safely in our school every day and to ensure the health and well-being of all, mindful of the guidelines of the Governor's Executive Orders and respecting that each family situation is uniquely different. Due to medical or other reasons, parents may not feel comfortable in having their child return to school. If that is your situation please contact the school office and we will review our tentative plans to accommodate those needs.

We are blessed with a beautiful, large and well maintained facility and a manageable size school population to be creative in planning available options for September. Our desire is to return to school as (normal) traditional enhanced with safety and cleaning procedures. As the Diocese and our school plan unfolds we will keep you posted. We may be calling on extra hands to help with several of the tasks.

I asked you to pray that "miracles" happen especially to have our students return to school in a traditional way. Our prayers were heard. We were granted a miracle, We are planning to return to school in September and we are able to accommodate all of our children from Pre-K – Grade 8 as safely as possible, following the guidelines and in St A's way. "No Place Like St. A's."

We need you to pray again. As you know there are guidelines for transportation and they are challenging. The public sector is usually taken care of. However, the non-public schools and private schools are dependent on funding and accommodations which have changed due to circumstances.

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Both Franklin and North Brunswick parents are going to be contacted regarding transportation. Each township seems to be handling it differently. We need another miracle. We need a bus company to take our bid especially for our Franklin buses. This happened last year and our prayers were answered. So pray, pray, pray for a miracle whether it is St. Augustine of Canterbury, the Blessed Mother, Saint Joseph, St John Paul II or St. Anthony, please pray for this intention.

We will keep you posted as the plans unfold and “miracles” happen.

Have a Blessed Summer. Stay safe and healthy. Enjoy one another. Love to all. Miss you. My heart is jumping for joy.

Can't wait to see you in September!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sister Mary L. Shulas, MPF". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Sister Mary L. Shulas, MPF  
Principal