



August 15, 2017

Dear Parents:

It's that time again. Books have been ordered and floors have been cleaned. Our summer camp will be coming to a close this Friday, August 18th. We averaged about 15-20 children over the past 8 weeks. Enrollment for this coming year is similar to last year. The good news though is we have seen an increase in our Pre-K 3yr. old program which is nice to see. However, we still have openings available in Mrs. Larsh's Pre-K 4 yr. old program -please pass the word to friends!

I'll be having more to say in the coming weeks when school officially begins, but in the meantime I am both saddened and happy to report at the same time that **Mrs. Pompetti** has decided to retire. Mrs. Pompetti will be missed by all of us-especially by the students who she greets each and every day. It's going to be tough, but we are in the process of looking for someone to try to fill her shoes.

Our Spanish teacher, Mr. Larivee has moved on. We are in the process of looking for someone who could teach Spanish to our students in Grades 4-8 and Pre-K on Monday's. If you know of anyone with a background in teaching Spanish I would appreciate it.

NEW ADDITIONS TO FACULTY

I am happy to introduce **Brittany Pereira** as our new Kindergarten Teacher. Ms. Pereira is a graduate of Bridgewater State College with a B.A in Early Childhood Education. She is currently working on her Master's Degree in Reading. She had been working in the Fall River School District in a Pre-School

Program. We are glad she is now with us. Working along side Ms. Pereira will be a new Teacher Assistant by the name of **Mrs. Ashley Boie**. Please join in with me on welcoming both Ms. Pereira and Mrs. Boie.

As I mentioned in my last Newsletter before the summer break, Mrs. Freitas has retired and from our last contact with her enjoying a well deserved vacation. **Mrs. Patterson** will be moving up from Kindergarten and taking over as the Grade 3 Teacher. Hopefully we will be able to get her *piano* up to her room on the second floor!

And last but not least we have hired a librarian, **Mrs. Betty Fitzgerald** who will be organizing our library and meeting with students from Pre-K to Grade 5 on a weekly basis. Mrs. Fitzgerald has over 25 years of experience after working in the Providence Public Library. Middle school students will still have access to the library during study hours for any additional information they may need for their classes.

SCHOOL DAY BEGINS AT 8:15

Our school day begins at 8:15 (students can still arrive earlier, however, we will not ring the bell until 8:15 to begin our school day in the auditorium). For new families, as well as a reminder to everyone, please remember the school day ends at 2:30PM for grades 1-8 and at 2:15PM for Pre-K and K.

SPECIAL OPEN HOUSE & ORIENTATION DAY

On Tuesday, August 29th, parents are invited to attend an **Open House** with their children. We will be open from **9-2:30**. Teachers will be available to review information to families required for the 2017-2018 school year. Everything from filling out Emergency Cards to Lunch Forms will be discussed. This is a great time to visit with your child's teacher to know what is and will be expected from them throughout the classroom in the school year ahead.

Student Handbook

Most of you should have reviewed the St. Paul School Student Handbook last year on our website, www.saintpaulschoolcranston.org. There may be some new additions/revisions to the Student Handbook in the weeks ahead; please be on the lookout for it on our website. Both parents and students must sign off on this Handbook after reviewing it. Please be aware that the Student Handbook is enforced throughout the year. **Students should be in summer gym uniforms on the first day of school.** The uniform requirements are clearly stated in the Student Handbook; please do not make any substitutions. **Please be aware, our uniform policy will be strictly enforced this year**

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Lunch Program

Albertino's Pizza will still be providing our school lunches every day this year. Lunch orders from Monday-Thursday are still \$4.00. The cost for a slice of pizza is still \$2.50 on Friday's. **Our lunch Program will begin on Tuesday, September 5th** (Please remember to send exact change when filling out lunch form) so **don't forget to pack a lunch for the first week of school!** The price of milk is still **50 cents.**

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Emergency Care Cards-Most Important for All Students!

New Emergency Care cards will be sent home the first day of school. Please complete and **return them ASAP.**

School Bus Transportation

First Student provides bus transportation for Providence residents. Cranston Public

Schools provides bus transportation for Cranston residents. Times for pickup and drop off

for the Providence bus are published in the Providence Journal a week before the opening

of school and on the bus pass that your child will receive at Open House. Cranston mails bus passes with the times for pick up and drop off directly to student's home addresses. Providence

requires every student to complete a bus request form to receive transportation. If you live in Providence and have not sent in a form you will not be getting a bus pass. St. Paul School does not receive Providence bus passes until just before the start of the school year. Passes will be given to students at Open House or on the first day of school.

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After-School Program

Our After-School Program is offered every day from 2:30-5:30PM. All students from St. Paul School are eligible to attend. Please remember, **invoices will be emailed bi-weekly**. Sadly, families have taken advantage of this program over the past year and in some cases had payments still due throughout the summer! If payment is three weeks in arrears, your child will not be able to continue the program.

The After School Care Program will begin on Tuesday September 5th. You must complete and return the **EXTENDED SCHOOL ACTIVITY PROGRAM** form if you plan to have your child attend our After-School program.

The cost of this program is **\$7.50 per hour**. This program offers snacks, supervised homework/study, and play. **The After-School Program begins on Tuesday, September 5th as long as you have provided the necessary paperwork.**

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Morning Care Program

We will offer once again the opportunity for parents to drop off their child before school begins at 8:15. From **7-7:45am** parents can drop off their child to be escorted to our Pre-K classroom where Mrs. Keane will be there to greet and watch over them. **There is NO COST for this program!** (*Mrs. Keane has volunteered once again to be here at school earlier than usual*).

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The School Day

Students who arrive after 7:45 must wait in the school auditorium until a member of our staff will either take them outside or down to the cafeteria depending on the weather conditions. Students will then be escorted to the auditorium at 8:15 AM when the school bell is rung either for Morning Prayer and the

Pledge of Allegiance or taken directly to their classrooms by their teachers. Students who arrive after 8:30AM should report to the secretary's office to sign in so as not to be marked absent. Students are expected to be on time. **Habitual tardiness will be brought to the attention of the parents by the principal** (*Please see Student/Parent Handbook on this issue*). Poor attendance and tardiness directly affect a child's success in numerous ways; emotionally as well as scholastically.

Enjoy what is left of summer! I hope you will join me in looking forward to a great year ahead.

See you on either **Tuesday, August 29th** at **Open House** or on the **1st day of school on Wednesday, August 30th!**

Mr. Corry