

July 30, 2020

Dear Family & Friends,

I hope this letter finds your entire family enjoying a beautiful Long Island summer! As the summer days start to fade, I know many of you anxiously await reopening plans for September. Please note that we have been working on the reopening process since March as we continue to respond to the guidelines provided by the New York State Department of Education (NYSED), the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), and the Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC).

As it stands now, we intend to provide in-person instruction, five full days per week for our students in Pre-K through Sixth Grade. Obviously, a return to school for face-to-face instruction would include modifications and mitigation efforts on the part of students and staff as outlined by the NYSED, NYSDOH, and CDC. Our small class sizes, spacious buildings, and 12-acre campus provide Raynor Country Day School with a unique advantage to socially distance students while maintaining the feel and function of an open learning environment.

It is our intention to offer classes beginning Tuesday, September 8 for all students. Please note that initially morning-care and after-care sessions, as well as after-school activities, will not be available. The hours of operation will be as follows:

Pre-Kindergarten I: 9:30 a.m.- -2:30 p.m.

Pre-Kindergarten II: 9:00 a.m.- -2:00 p.m.

Kindergarten- -6th Grade: 8:00 a.m.- -3:15 p.m.

Of course, all reopening plans are subject to change based upon Executive Orders by the Governor, regional directives, instruction by the local Department of Health, increasing infection rate, etc. As this is a very fluid situation, we will be certain to keep you up-to-date via email, flyers, and social media.

In the event of a physical closure for any period of time, our students will be provided with daily and substantive interaction with teachers in the remote learning model. Both synchronous and asynchronous components will be provided at all grade levels from Pre-K through Sixth Grade. As was the case this past spring, Google Classroom will be utilized as the initial access point for remote learning in all grades.

Please be reminded that I share your hesitations and concerns as an administrator, educator, and mother of young children enrolled within our school. These are difficult times for everyone, and we are here to serve your needs as best we can during this period of transition and uncertainty. Additional communication will follow as we outline specific guidelines and procedures for the fall. In the interim, please don't hesitate to call me with any questions you may have at 631-288-4658. I truly look forward to "SEEING" all of you very soon!

Sincerely,

Kerry Coonan
Principal

