

Thursday Mail 10/01/20

Dear Parents,

- **Pizza Kits:** Don't forget to order your Pizza Meal Kit today! Kits will be distributed tomorrow at 2:45 in the St. Zachary School Parking lot. Details are in today's email.
- **St. Zachary School Food Drive:** The deadline to drop off food to benefit the Des Plaines Food Pantry has been extended to Monday, 10/5. All those who donate can participate in a St. Zachary Spirit-wear Dress Down Day tomorrow, 10/2. Green and Gold attire is also acceptable. Jeans are permitted.
- **School Directory:** We are once again creating a school directory - **provided only to school families**. If you would like to **opt out** of the directory please go to <https://forms.gle/ieMYjJizac8pm5pH6>. Please note that everyone will be included unless you respond otherwise. **Opt-out date is 10/9/20.**
- **Calendar Reminders:**
 - **Monday, 10/12. Columbus Day. School is in session.**
 - **Friday, 10/23. No School. Teacher Professional Development Day.**
 - **Wednesday, 10/28. School Picture re-take day.**
 - **Thursday, 11/19 and Friday, 11/20: Parent-teacher conferences – Remote. Conferences will be scheduled by teachers. Details to follow.**
- **Warm Weather Uniform:** Today ends the warm weather uniform. Long pants/sweatpants must be worn going forward. Shorts are no longer allowed. As noted previously, Girls in grades K-8 may wear navy uniform style pants as part of the regular school uniform in addition to their jumper (k-3) or skirt (4-8).
- **COVID Protocol update.** St. Zachary School takes its direction from the Archdiocese of Chicago. Information, guidelines and protocols are changing frequently. As we work through the information here are some items to consider:
 - **Masks:** Students need to have at least 2 reusable or disposable masks with them daily. Reusable masks should be washed frequently and disposable masks worn only once.
 - **Morning temperature/wellness checks:** Parents should take the temperature of their children daily prior to arriving at school. Similarly, parents are asked to check for symptoms such as, but not limited to, sore throat, cough, headache or nausea. Please be specific when reporting a student's absence.
 - **Archdiocese of Chicago Infection Protocol Guide – is attached to this email as a reminder.**
 - **School Re-opening plan:** was shared at the beginning of the school year and is also found on the school website.
 - **Quarantine requirements: CCDPH recommends a 14-day quarantine for persons entering suburban Cook County, Illinois, from states with a high incidence of COVID-19 infections.** To limit potential spread of COVID-19, Cook County Department of Public Health is recommending quarantine measures for persons visiting states around the country where the incidence of COVID-19 infection is high. Any person who visited the high-incidence state for more than 24 hours is recommended to self-quarantine for 14 days after return. The Archdiocese as a whole and therefore, St. Zachary School follows this quarantine protocol. This is not for the City of Chicago alone. ***Please be mindful that trips made to high incident states, as updated weekly, will result in students being moved to remote learning as they quarantine for the specified period.***
- **Halloween:** Details for Halloween are being finalized. Look for information in upcoming emails.
- **School Office Hours:** The school office hours are 7:30 AM – 3:15 PM.

Thank you for your continued support.

St. Zachary School Office

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