



September/October 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are off to a great start. To think we are already in our 3rd week of school. The children are working diligently in their subjects. Students in grades 2-8 are taking the standardized testing (NWEA) on the computer. Students continue to do well in following the 3 W's—wash hands, wear masks and watch distancing. I am so proud of them.

Just a reminder to make sure you go on your FACTS Family Portal to make sure all your information is correct. Please make sure your address, emergency phone numbers and any information pertaining to your family is correct. You can update this information on your own as needed and it will go directly to our school portal.

We are so excited to have Ms. Vina Troianello as our reading support and Title I tutor for the 2020-2021 school year. Ms. T (the former principal of St. Louis School) is Massachusetts certified in the following areas: Elementary Education, Elementary Administration and E.S.L. She will be supporting teachers in grades K-5 to meet the academic needs of students who have been selected by their respective teachers who need additional reading enhancement.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Beginning next Monday, 9/21/20, students should wear their regular fall uniforms to school which consists of: uniform dress shorts, pants, jumper (grades K - 3) or skort (gr. 4 - 8) and yellow (K-3) or blue (4-8) polo shirt. Dress shoes are also required (no sneakers). Students may wear navy dress shorts until October 12; after that date regular school uniform pants, jumpers or skorts are required.

Students should wear gym uniforms and sneakers on gym day. Gym schedule:

- **Tuesdays:** Gr. K-1 + K-2; Gr. 2-1 + 2-2; 3-1 + 3-2; Gr. 4-2; Gr. 5; Gr. 8-1
- **Wednesday:** PK 3 + PK4; Gr. 1; Gr. 4-1; Gr. 6; Gr. 7-1 + Gr. 7-2; Gr. 8-2

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED: We are seeking individuals who would like to substitute teach. Please let us know if you would like to sub. Please indicate grade level and if there is a specific day you can work

We no longer have Honeywell Instant Alert System. We will be using the FACTS family portal for all emergency calls. We will be having a dry run of the new alert system next

Wednesday. A message will be left if you do not answer your phone. Please check your messages before calling the school. This dry run of the alert system will only be a test to insure that you are receiving the call. We will only use this phone emergency system if there is a snow day, or for an emergency call. If you need help with your portal, please call Mrs. Shemchuk and she can help you.

BUS INFORMATION: We heard that some of you received bus passes during the past week. Please note that we have not heard about any busses running yet. As soon as I hear from Lowell Public Bus Supervisor I will let you know. I believe we will only have bus service when Lowell Public goes into school

UPDATED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRI., Sept. 25

Picture Day -Students may dress up in regular clothes for their pictures. Forms were sent home if you are interested in purchasing pictures. Please check your child's backpack for the form. If you wish to order pictures, please choose the type of background, border and price package. Group picture of siblings is allowed but please indicate this on the form or send a note to us. A check must be made out to O'Connor Studio and must accompany order form. When you receive the picture, if you do not like it, you may have retakes in November.

Thurs., Oct. 1

SOCK AND HAT DAY TO KICK OFF THE WALK-A-THON. Wear your favorite sock and hat with your uniform. All Walk-a-thon pledges are due.

BANKING BEGINS—A representative from Jeanne D'Arc Bank will come and pick up children's deposits. Please know they will come every 2 weeks to pick up banking deposits if interested. The children's accounts receive 7 percent interest on their accounts.

Fri, Oct. 2

Walk-a-thon at ICS Church and school yard...More information will be coming...Walkathon is from 9:30-11. Half Day dismissal at 11:30. Kids Club will be available from 11:30-5:00 p.m. WALK-A-THON DRESS CODE: children may wear their gym clothes..Different classes will walk for about 60 minutes, play games and then have a snack and water. IF RAINING, WE WILL DO THIS IN SCHOOL.

Thurs., Oct. 8 **Progress Report Phone Conferences –Teachers will schedule times**

Fri., Oct. 9 **Progress Report Phone Conferences...Half Day Dismissal 11:30. Kids Club available from 11:30-5 p.m.**

Mon., Oct. 12 **NO SCHOOL-COLUMBUS DAY**

Fri., Oct. 30 **HAPPY HALLOWEEN (Teachers will be in touch about classroom parties)**

CONSTANT CONTACT

If you are not receiving our weekly email from Constant Contact, please feel free to email me at icslowell@hotmail.com and I will be glad to forward your email address to Mrs. Milinazzo. This email goes out every Sunday to keep you updated about the week's events. PLEASE CHECK YOUR SPAM MAIL. IT MAY HAVE GONE IN THAT FOLDER.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

God bless you,

Catherine Fiorino, Principal