



May 7, 2021

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We are excited to announce that we will begin our "DIMMED UP YELLOW" schedule next week on Monday, May 10. Schedule Changes for Grades 6,7,8 start Monday, April 10.

REASONS:

- a. Students have been responsible on campus wearing masks, washing hands, keeping 6 feet, etc...
- b. 83% of the teachers and staff have been fully vaccinated.
- c. The Sayre Clinic / Welcome Table partnership has vaccinated 150 members of the RAH community through the Thursday vaccination days in the church.
- d. Layered mitigation strategies remain the most important for reopening schools and keeping the community healthy and safe. Four more strategies have been added:
 - New and improved masks
 - Plexiglass tri-fold desktop shields for each student & teacher
 - Wide open windows (warmer weather - hello Spring!)
 - The rapid 15 minute COVID testing each week for students, graduates & staff has begun. Over 220 tests were done for students & staff in the past two weeks, and we had only 3 positive cases. Those students went home immediately, have shown no symptoms, and quarantined from home.

DETAILS:

- a. Grades 4 and 5 arrival and dismissal times remain the same 7:45am-2:00pm.
- b. All students in Grades 6, 7, 8 will be on campus 9:00 am-2:15 pm Monday through Friday
- c. We know this may affect students with siblings at SJS, so Grades 6, 7, 8 students can arrive anytime between 8:00-9:00am
- d. 5 classes on site 45 min each; as well as Lunch, Recess, and a 45 minute Study Hall on campus
- e. **Our goal is to have the same schedule in July (required for students currently in Grades 4,5,6,7)**

BENEFITS:

- a. 2:15-5:30 Zoom enrichments, online tutoring, and staff meetings remain the same
- b. All Grade 6, 7, 8 classes can be in person!
- c. Ms. Stewart, Fr. Kellner, Ms. Parker-Watson, Ms. Nalubega, Ms. Harris, Mr Austin, Mr. Lee will teach in person!
- d. All students in Grades 4-8 get a socially distant recess and lunch on campus!

Please make sure your child is in **full uniform on Monday** - especially school shoes.

Student Recruitment: LAST CALL for students entering grades 4-8 Fall 2021. The deadline was May 1. Please contact Ms. Padilla for assistance. spadilla@stjamesphila.org

Important dates:

- May 8 Zoom Academic Clinic 5th grade (now rescheduled for June 5)
- May 10-14 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 14 **12pm dismissal for all students (NEW DATE)**
- May 18, 20 Ronald McDonald Mobile Dental Services on campus
- May 22 Zoom Academic Clinic 6th grade

May 28, 31 Memorial Day weekend, NO SCHOOL

June 4 Family First Friday & end of year Art Showcase

June 5 Academic Clinic 5th Grade

June 17 6pm 8th Grade Bacculaureate Mass

June 18 6pm 8th Grade Graduation !

June 21-July 2 Student Vacation

July 5-July 30 Summer programming for 4th-7th graders (mandatory for all students)

Sincerely,

Mr. McDonough