

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Second Grade! We look forward to working with you and your child this year. We will help your child develop his/her responsibility in various ways throughout the year. After all, each year builds upon the previous one, as well as preparing the children for the years that follow.

We know that many of you are anxious about sending your child back to school this year. We want to provide a safe and supportive environment for you and your child. This means taking proactive steps to instruct and train students on safety measures.

We will be strictly following the safety protocols as outlined in the St. Stan's Reopening Plan.

### **Social Distancing:**

According to DESE, "students will be seated no less than three feet apart in the classroom." Students will follow at least a three foot standard while entering and exiting the building, passing in the hallways, moving around the classrooms, and during liturgy.

Employees, students, parents, and visitors should follow the DPH recommendations for social distancing when in common areas on school grounds. Clearly visible markings will indicate the walking direction throughout the campus to maintain the social distancing requirements, when necessary. This will also be of help when training students to move throughout the campus during school days.

### **Face-coverings:**

Masks are strongly recommended and will be required for assemblies, church, and on buses. Families who choose to send their child in masks, are required to provide at least two face-coverings for their child.

### **General Good Hygiene:**

Following good hygiene practices limits exposure to all viruses.

Good hygiene practices include:

- Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 30 seconds
- Using hand sanitizer with at least 70% alcohol if soap and water are not available
- Avoiding touching the eyes, nose, and mouth
- Covering the mouth and nose or using the inside of your elbow when you cough or sneeze
- Teaching students how to practice good hygiene practices
- Students should **NEVER** share face masks.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Kennedy  
Ms. Taylor

**Below is some general information about Grade 2.**

**Office Hours- Mrs. Kennedy:** Language Arts-Wednesdays  
7:45-8:10 a.m.

**Ms. Taylor:** Math-Mondays 7:45-8:10 a.m.

You will receive further information as to when Office Hours will begin.

**Email Addresses-Mrs. Kennedy:** [ckennedy@saintstansschool.org](mailto:ckennedy@saintstansschool.org)  
**Ms. Taylor:** [mtaylor@saintstansschool.org](mailto:mtaylor@saintstansschool.org)

**Absentees**- If your child is absent from school we will post assignments on Google Classroom. Your child will be responsible for completing and submitting all homework and classwork in Google Classroom.

**Birthdays**- Your child may dress down to celebrate their birthday following the school dress down guidelines in the school handbook. If your child's birthday falls on an out of school day, we will either have them dress down on the Friday before or the Monday after their birthday.

Due to health and safety reasons, birthday snacks/treats will **NOT** be allowed to be passed out in school. Your child may bring in pencils, erasers, or stickers for the class to be passed out by the teacher; however, **the pencils, erasers, or stickers must be in the original unopened package.**

**Conduct-** We will be monitoring and helping your child to develop his/her daily behavior and responsibility in school. We strongly encourage positive behavior in second grade. When the children display positive behavior, they will receive a sticker for their incentive chart. Once a grid on the incentive chart is filled, that child will be rewarded with a prize. (pencils, erasers, or stickers).

However, if a child displays inappropriate behavior, continuously forgets needed materials for school, fails to listen, or pay attention, we will record your child's behavior in their Student Planner. Please check your child's planner daily when he/she comes home from school.

**Daily Folders-** Each child is responsible for his/her own folder. This folder will go back and forth between home and school every day. The children need to keep their homework assignments in this folder. Any notices or handouts given to the child (by the teachers or parents) need to go into this folder. This is one of our ways of communicating with you. Please take a few minutes each day to check your child's folder for any important information and homework papers.

**Free Time Book-** Each child is required to have his/her **own** library book from home with them in class at all times, as we cannot share books with classmates. They will be allowed to read their books when their work is completed.

**Math-** Ms. Taylor will be your child's Math teacher this year. There is a major emphasis on problem solving in our math book. Reinforcement worksheets from each day's lesson will be the written portion of homework for that night, along with studying Basic Facts. (both addition & subtraction). It is essential for children to practice their facts each night. This may be done with practice sheets, hands-on objects, flashcards or math computer games. Learning basic facts will make 2-digit addition and subtraction easier to grasp.

**Religion-** The children will learn the Ten Commandments and the Act of Contrition this year. During the first two quarters of school, the children will prepare the Sacrament of Reconciliation. During the third and fourth quarters, we focus on the importance of First Holy Communion.

**Scholastic Book Orders-** We will only be taking online orders for the Scholastic Book Club this year. Information will be sent home with the

class codes needed to place online orders. Orders will be shipped to the school and go home with your child.

**Science**- As each new chapter is introduced in Science class, Mrs. Kennedy will send home a chapter newsletter and Chapter Vocabulary flashcards so you will be aware of chapter concepts being covered and be able to review at home.

**Social Studies**- Ms. Taylor will be your child's Social Studies teacher this year.

**Spelling**- The children will have approximately 13-15 words on each weekly spelling test. They will be tested on the spelling, high-frequency, and vocabulary words. Please study these words each night to prepare for Friday's test. Please log into the Spelling City website for some fun activities and practice tests using weekly spelling words:  
[www.spellingcity.com/ckennedy7](http://www.spellingcity.com/ckennedy7).

**Student Planner**- Every child has received a Student Planner to record homework assignments. This planner must go back and forth to school every day. The children are given time in each class to copy the assignments neatly in the planner. It is your child's responsibility to listen attentively when homework assignments are given. Homework will be given Monday-Thursday, and sometimes Friday if necessary. Please check the planner daily to be sure homework assignments are being completed.

**Student Progress**- If at any time during the school year you would like a conference to discuss your child's progress or behavior, please contact the office (592-5135) and the secretaries will be glad to set up a phone conference or virtual meeting with teachers.

**Transportation**- If you know in advance that your child will be going home a different way, please send in a note so that we know how to dismiss your child and ensure that he/she gets home safely. If the change occurs after your child is already in school for the day, please contact the office at 592-5135 **BEFORE 2:00 P.M.** The secretaries will let the classroom teacher and the child know of this change. **Please do not send dismissal changes to us as an email because we don't always have the chance to check emails before the end of the school day.**

**Water Bottles**-Water fountains will be closed, so students may bring in a personal reusable water bottle to drink from. It must be labeled with your child's name and have a secure lid. Please do not send in generic water bottles (ie. Poland Spring), as it will be too difficult to distinguish between water bottles. Water bottles will be sent home with your child each day to be washed and refilled for the next day.

**Weekly Memo**-The St. Stan's weekly memo will be sent electronically and be posted on the school website every Friday.