

# FOLLOW-UP FRIDAY: AUGUST 20, 2021

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 3-7: No School/Teacher Professional Development

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Thank you to all the staff, teachers, students, and families who have made these first two days of school an absolute blast! We love having students back in the school learning, having fun, making new friends, and growing in Christ.

## UPDATES AND REMINDERS:

**Survey for Returning Families:** If you are a returning family, please [fill out this survey about last year](#), so we can continue to improve our school.

### Drop Off and Pick-Up:

1. Students need to be dropped off no earlier than 7:30am and no later than 7:55am.
2. Dismissal is at 3:15, please be prompt with pick-up. If your child is 12 or under and they are not picked up in a timely manner more than twice, we will require you to sign up for after school care.
3. Drop off all students at the front door. No students should be dropped off in the back/west side of the school.
4. With the new construction, it is very hard to see the fire lane in front of the school. The fire lane extends from the white crosswalk lines all to the flagpole. **There is no parking, dropping off, or picking up in this zone at any time** in case there is an emergency, which happened just this past year. You will be asked to move your vehicle if you are in this zone at any time.
5. For parents who have students struggling with drop off feel free to check out [this article from the New York Times](#). The start of school can be very hard for students and parents, and this article gives great advice on how to deal with that and why your child may be scared or sad to come to school.

**Open positions at St. Bernard:** Right now St. Bernard has an opening for a STEAM teacher/IT Specialist as well as a part time Resource teacher. Please reach out to anyone you know that has a teaching degree or a special education degree. You can see both position postings here: <https://lovemyschool.com/careers/>

**Allergies and Medications:** Right now we only know of one child with any sort of allergy (not counting seasonal allergies). If your child has an allergy (food, latex, bees, etc.) please let us know as soon as possible and then also bring any medication they may need. We do have emergency epipens, nebulizer, and an AED machine. If you need to drop off any medication for your child whether that be ibuprofen or something that is prescribed, it must be in its original bottle/packaging. We will not accept baggies of medicine or bottles of medicine with two different looking pills. You must fill out the authorization for medication form, as well, if you plan to drop off medicine.

**Paperwork to Turn in:** There has been a lot of paperwork going home in the last few days. Here is a checklist of what we need from you:

1. Immunization records (new families)
2. Birth certificate
3. OPS Nonpublic Enrollment Form (new families)
4. Financial Form
5. Handbook/Photo Release Agreement
6. Free and Reduced Lunch Form
7. Baptismal Certificate (if Catholic)
8. Medication authorization form (if your child will need over the counter or prescription meds)
9. Kindergarten and 7th Grade physicals

**Lunch:** Hot lunch is FREE for ALL students. If your child brings a cold lunch to school and orders milk, the milk is an extra charge. All students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school every day.