



SAINT ANN'S SCHOOL

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Dear Families, Faculty and Staff,

Each school day in this strange September feels like a gift, and to report to you on another safe and successful week at Saint Ann's is a pleasure. There are just a few particular things to take note of this week.

Outdoor Teaching

We received some good news from the Department of Transportation. We have secured a temporary street closure for Love Lane from Henry Street to Hicks Street on Monday-Friday from 8:30am to 4:00pm that will permit us to set up barricades and hold outdoor classes and activities on this quiet side street near campus. Love Lane is the latest addition to the inventory of outdoor spaces we are using including Cadman Plaza Park, the backyard and stoop of 124 Pierrepont Street, the benches in front of 129 Pierrepont, the steps and garden of the Unitarian church and chapel, the Farber Building roof and Henry Street.

Lunch Ordering

For those parents in the lower, middle and high schools who are sending your children in person, please remember to order lunch ahead of time if your child needs a school lunch. The links for lunch ordering are on the Parent Portal. Email foodservicehelp@saintannsny.org with any questions.

Health and Safety

The cooperation and diligence of everyone in following our reopening protocols—especially universal masking, distancing, and daily self-screening—continues to be critical to our success. We are so grateful for this collective community effort, even as we know that it requires continual reinforcement and vigilance. For those wanting a reminder of all of the steps we are taking to keep our community safe, the relevant section of our reopening plan can be found [here](#).

Ruvna Daily Screening: UPDATE

Beginning next week, we are requesting that everyone (students, faculty and staff) fill out the daily Ruvna health screening every day, regardless of whether you are coming to school in person that day. The New York State Department of Health is requiring us to report attendance data on a daily basis and the screenings will help us to track these metrics within the community.

This Week's Numbers

We are aware of reporting this week of an uptick in the Covid-19 infection rate in a few neighborhoods in Brooklyn and Queens and we are carefully observing the reopening of NYC public schools for any possible impacts. As always, we continue to monitor both internal and external metrics to guide our decision-making. The [dashboard](#) in the Parent Portal has been updated with the numbers of Saint Ann's students and employees referred for testing this week. We did not record any confirmed cases of Covid-19 among students or employees this week.

Finally, just a reminder that there is no school on Monday in observance of Yom Kippur.

Wishing all of you a restful and healthy long weekend.

Love,