

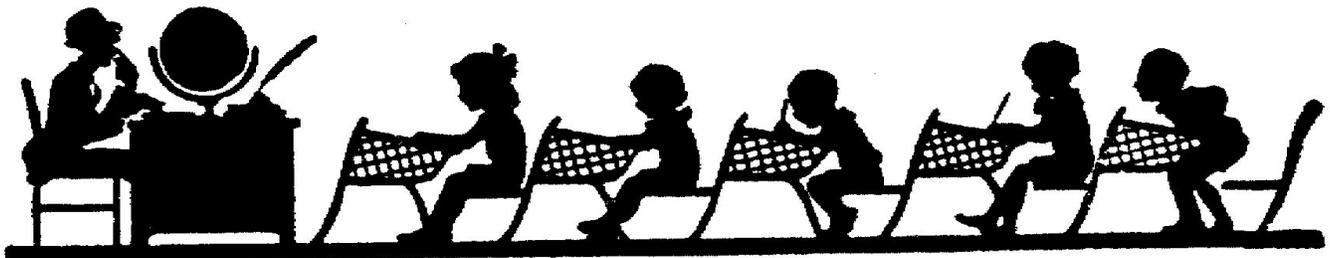
From the Desk of Maura Crawford

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On September 8th **St. James the Apostle School** will joyfully reopen our doors to our students! We have worked hard all summer to prepare our classrooms and school building to ensure that we meet all safety and social distance protocols set forth by the New York State Department of Education, the New York State Department of Health and the Archdiocese of New York. I am proud to say that our reopening plans have been approved by all of the aforementioned authorities which will allow for all of our students, in grades PreK – 8, to enter their classrooms and begin to make up for lost time.

All across the country, students (from elementary school to college campuses) are returning to “CLASS”. Perhaps we can cover them in prayer as they go back...

C	is for COMPANIONS Pray for our children’s classmates. The friends they choose will have a lasting impact on their lives and education. Pray that they pick their companions wisely. <i>A friend loves at all times. Proverbs 17:17</i>
L	is for LEARNING Pray that God instills in our children a true love of learning. Pray that they will value their education and strive to do well in all of their studies. <i>Apply your heart to discipline and your ears to the words of knowledge. Proverbs 23:12</i>
A	is for AUTHORITIES Remember to pray for teachers, coaches, counselors, priests and school administrators. Pray that the children honor those in authority with attentiveness and respect. <i>I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be offered on behalf of all those in authority, so that we may lead quiet and tranquil lives. 1 Timothy 2:1-2</i>
S	is for SAFETY Pray that in these trying and uncertain times, that our Lord will protect our children and will keep them safe from all things that might cause them harm. <i>I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13</i>
S	is for SELF-WORTH Pray that God gives our children an accurate understanding of their infinite value to Him. Pray that they be strong in character, walk in integrity and stay true to who God calls them to be. <i>Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans. Proverbs 16:3</i>



May God continue to bless St. James the Apostle School!