



FALL PICTURE DAY IS COMING

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Thursday, November 19th

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11/18/2020

Dear PreK and Kindergarten Families,

As the very realistic possibility of a county shutdown for our schools seems possible, I want to explain our process for a shutdown, and what that will mean for your child. This plan will go into effect if we are in an “orange” or “red” zone.

Over the summer I worked with LE3 to begin the process of designating our school as an “Emergency Childcare Center.” The paperwork has been submitted and a determination of our status will be made only in the event of an emergency. Ellie, the owner of LE3, and I began this discussion because of two concerning factors in our area. The first is the limited number of child care centers that were available to our families during the last shutdown. The second is the overall educational concern for our children. We know that remote learning can effectively be done with our school age, however it is a struggle for younger learners.

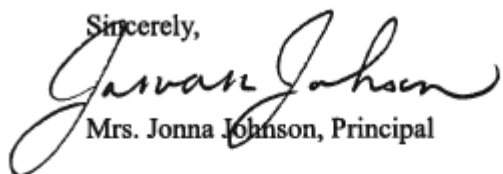
When our plan is approved it will mean that our PreK and Kindergarten students will continue to have their learning needs met in our building with little disruption to their routine and structure. If there is any change to this plan we will notify our families, and we will begin to implement our plan for remote instruction. Please note that LE3 does offer other sites for child care that are relatively close to our school.

For our Virtual Practice Day on Tuesday, November 24th please note the following:

1. There will be no busing this day. All students must be brought to school and picked up.
2. Students should arrive between 7:45am and 8:00am. Kindergarten students will be dropped off in the side parking lot and PreK students will enter through the main doors, with parents parking in the church parking lot and walking their child to the front door.
3. Students may order lunch for the day as normal, or they may bring their lunch.
4. Dismissal will begin at 2pm, and all students will be picked up in the side parking lot. Parents will park in the side lot and students will be brought out the side door. Anyone that is picking up their child must wear a mask when outside of their vehicle, since children are brought out in small groups instead of individually. All students must be picked up by 2pm.
5. LE3 will run their normal after school hours this day.

Please contact your child's teacher or the school office with any questions regarding the remote plan or our virtual test day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonna Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Mrs. Jonna Johnson, Principal



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Dear St. John the Baptist Families,

Our school is now in a “Yellow” Zone. Following the information provided by NYS this means that we can continue In-Person Instruction and we are required to test 20% of our students and staff. For our school that means that I will need 30 individuals.

I have put in a request for tests from Erie County since they are available to our school, however I do not believe that it is realistic for our school to perform the tests on site. While the tests are free, the school is responsible for the collection and processing of the tests. This means a \$3,000 - \$4,000 cost to the school each week that we remain in yellow.. It is more realistic for our families to take their child to be tested at one of Erie County Labs.

The COVID-19 tests can be conducted through Erie County. Here is some information about available testing in Erie County:

<https://erieny.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=0c46f6677fbd49f5b8cf7548e8efe58b>

All state and Erie County drive-thru diagnostic test clinics require that appointments be made. Only the county's periodic antibody test clinic accepts walk-ins.

To make an appointment for a clinic operated by the Erie County Health Department, call 858-2929. The county's Covid-19 hotline is staffed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

To make an appointment for a clinic operated by New York State, call 1-888-364-3065 or visit covid19screening.health.ny.gov.

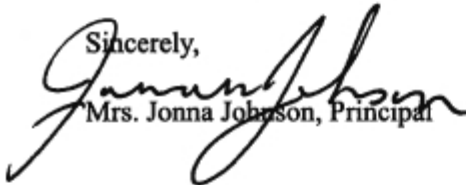
Erie County standard diagnostic testing sites, with results usually available within two to three days, are:

- Amherst Highway Garage, 450 Maple Road. Open from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Mondays.
 - Buffalo Niagara Convention Center, 298 Pearl St., Buffalo. Open from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.
 - SUNY Erie South Campus (Erie Community College South), 4990 Big Tree Road, Orchard Park. Open from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursdays.
- None of the sites accept walk-ins.

I understand that not every family is able to facilitate testing on their own and I know that many of our families insurance may prevent them from testing on their own. I am going to send out an email survey tomorrow asking for volunteers to participate in the 20% testing. Please **do not** take your child to be tested before you receive a request from me.

I will continue to update our school families as new information becomes available. I want to assure you that I continue to work diligently to ensure a continuity of education for our students and to ensure that we have a safe learning environment. I appreciate the immense amount of trust that you have placed in me, and I am grateful for your continued support and prayers.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Jonna Johnson, Principal