



Frank M. Silvia Elementary School
1899 Meridian Street
Fall River, Massachusetts 02720
(508) 675-9811

Mr. Patrick Lenz, Principal
Mrs. Melissa Homol, Vice Principal

Mr. Michael Pacheco, Vice Principal
Ms. Jennifer Grafton, Dean of Teaching and Learning

August 31, 2020

Dear Silvia Community,

I hope this letter finds you doing well and feeling healthy. As I mentioned in the last letter, I am trying to stagger information so as to not overwhelm and to also update you on the most recent news and decisions. Please remember that September 16, 2020 is the first day of school for students. **September 16th is a fully remote day for all students.** At this very moment, we are emailing and mailing families informing you of the cohort your child will fall under. If there are any mistakes, please notify the front office.

The main purpose of this letter is to go over arrival and dismissal procedures for the 2020 - 2021 school year. Please make sure you not only understand these procedures but that you also go over them with your child before their first day at school. Also, please be aware that with our hybrid model, and students working completely remote, the numbers for drop off and pick up will be significantly lower than previous years. The safety of our students and you are our highest priority and we need your continued support to make sure it stays that way.

Arrival:

- The doors of Silvia will not open until 7:40 am every morning.
- Cars need to pull up to the curb in the front of Silvia school. Please pull all the way up to the stop sign as to make room for as many cars as possible. Please do NOT park in the parking lot and walk your child to the building.
- We are asking that all students stay in their cars **until signaled by a staff member to exit** starting at 7:40 am. We will have 6 - 7 cars at one time having students exit their cars and head to the double doors by the music room (these doors are located to the right of the main office doors as you face Silvia school). **Please do not drop your child prior to 7:40 and have them wait outside.**

- Students need to wear masks from the time they exit their cars and practice social distancing as they enter the building. If a student needs a mask we will provide him/her with one.
- Students need to use hand sanitizer before they enter the building (we will have this outside for the students) and head immediately to their classrooms (we will have plenty of staff members in hallways and outside to support students with getting to their classrooms).
- The doors by the music room will be closed at 7:55 am.
- After 7:55 am, students need to report to the main office doors. Before students enter they need to use hand sanitizer.
- As the students enter, there will be staff members marking students tardy and giving them tardy passes. Students need to wait on distance dots in the main lobby as they transition into the building to receive their tardy pass.

* If you choose to walk your child to school, please only walk him/her up to the main office doors. Masks should be worn by anyone on campus. Students then need to walk to the doors by the music room, practice social distancing, get hand sanitizer, and walk directly to their classroom.

Dismissal:

- Students will be dismissed at 1:57 pm.
- Cars need to park in the main parking lot found at the end of the Silvia driveway. Once legally parked, one adult needs to go to the exit assigned to their child. A mask should be worn by all adults before they exit their cars and remain on until you enter your car again.
- Students will exit out the following doors:
 - PreK - Staff will dismiss students through the PreK doors (both pick up and bus)
 - K/Siblings - Playground Doors (back of the school)
 - 1 - Music Room Doors (on the right side of Silvia as you face the school)
 - 2 - Double Doors by Music Room (double doors to the right of Main Office doors as you face Silvia. Same doors as drop off)
 - 3 - Main Office Doors
 - 4 - Gym Doors (on the right side of Silvia as you face the school)
 - 5 - Cafeteria Doors - on the right side of Silvia as you face the school

* For safety reasons, no students will be dismissed between 1:30 and 1:57 pm.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly or call the school at 508 - 675 - 9811.

Sincerely,

Patrick Lenz, Principal