

6/23/2020

Good evening!

Please forward this email to your pastors, principals. I promise to have the group set next week!
Happy Tuesday!

I think we can jump right in to the info this week:

Policy updates: Please note there will be more changes for the policy manual posted on the Principals' Page by the end of the week. The changes will include: a new opening letter from Bishop McKnight for the *Policy and Regulation Manual for Schools*; the revised Safe Environment policy and process which goes into effect next July; and the new Catechist Training policy and process effective July 1, 2020. Please take a look at these when you get a chance.

Notification: Please make a note to include DSR 8000 - COMMUNICABLE DISEASE: Administration Notification in your teacher handbook. It will also be added to DSR 2350, which includes the list of required policies for individual school handbooks.

Camera FAQ: Please check the Principals' Page later this week for a surveillance/security camera FAQ sheet.

Home-based learning document: Lucie Huger revised the template to use if parents choose to keep their children home by choice, rather than if that child is ill. The template will help you set realistic expectations regarding what your school can provide. Please note: this is not to be used if a student is ill, or if they have been directed to self-quarantine because a family member is ill. This is to be used only if a parent wants to keep their student(s) home out of an abundance of caution. The revised template is on the Principals' Page

Riverside-Iowa testing update: We are still trying to reach out sales rep – please wait to order items until we do.

Committee update: Thank you to Elaine Hassemmer for volunteering to coordinate the October Principals' Retreat Committee. I am looking for someone who might be interested in coordinating our Catholic Identity committee? Let me know if you are interested!

MNSAA update: Also, thank you to Abby Martin and Elaine (again) for offering to read reports for MNSAA. If you are interested in helping, I think we are going to read them virtually this year! Please let me know this week!

Reminder - Current enrollment numbers: Please update your actual enrollment in FACTS, or send your number to Paula by June 30th. Thank you!

Benefits email: Finally, there has been some concern regarding an email sent to bookkeepers from the HR department regarding benefits. If you are one of the concerned principals, please do not be worried. I spoke with Cheryl, and she assured me there are no immediate changes to benefits. The HR department is working to align language between all plan documents, and doing everything they can to make sure things are consistent across the board. It is a work in progress.

My weekend in Texas was nice, but I am glad to be back in Missouri! Please know I am here to help, and I am holding you all in my prayers.

Blessings,
Dr. Erin Vader, Superintendent