

Welcome to the Kennedy Family!

Here are just a few answers to **common questions** that parents have as we approach the first day of school. We will continue to give you information up to the first day of school and throughout the school year. This year, of course, answers are slightly different!

How will I receive communication from the school?

We have gone digital with our family folder. Check the school website on Wednesdays, after the school year begins, after 3:00 PM for the most up-to-date information.

Here are instructions:

- Go to our website at www.warrenjfk.com
- Go to the Grades K-5 tab at the top of the page and hover over it.
- Scroll down to Current Parents
- Click on Wednesday Folder
- You may print any information you would like.

What is a Parent Alert?

A Parent Alert is basically just a text message from the school. We send them to you to remind you about upcoming events. Please make sure your correct cell phone information is on file at school.

What is Packet Pickup Day?

Packet Pickup Day is the day that you may come to school to pick up your packet of information. Inside the packet is information regarding our lunch information, emergency forms, parent contact information, and much more. You will also be notified of your child's classroom teacher.

What is Extended Care?

Our Extended Care program is a program for our families who need after-school care for their children. This year it is not available.

When and what time does school begin?

Students must be in their designated classrooms by 8:10 am (this time is different this school year) or they are marked tardy. Please make every effort to have your child be ON TIME for school. Announcements begin promptly at 8:10 am and students are more successful when they are punctual for school. Students arriving after 8:10 am must be walked to the door, but parents cannot enter at this time. Please call from your cell phone to let us know your child is coming into the building. The first week of school is a staggered start.

August 17- 21: **We are having a staggered start to the school year as follows:**

- Kindergarten:
 - Monday: Boys only half day (leave at 11:00)
 - Tuesday: Girls only half day (leave at 11:00)
 - Wednesday: Boys only full day
 - Thursday: Girls only full day
 - Friday: Boys & Girls full day
- Grades 1-5:
 - Monday: Boys only (full day)
 - Tuesday: Girls only (full day)
 - Wednesday: Boys & Girls with last names A-L only (full day)
 - Thursday: Boys & Girls with last names M-Z only (full day)
 - Friday: All Boys & Girls (Full Day)

where do I drop my child off in the morning?

There will be teachers standing outside beginning at 7:45 am to direct drivers for drop off. You will see a line of cars dropping off children. Students will either enter through the Covelli Center gym doors or the main office doors. We will direct you to move ahead for the Covelli drop off. If we do so, please move your vehicle up to make room for oncoming vehicles. Please do not drop off your child earlier than 7:45 a.m. as there is no supervision until this time. This year we cannot have any parents walk their child into the building. All car riders must be let out of their vehicles at the drop off location.

What time is dismissal?

Students in grades 1-5 will be dismissed at 2:20 pm and Kindergarten will be dismissed at 2:30. This year, we have specific pick up locations to ensure social distancing guidelines.

- **Kindergarten:** Pull in from North Road and park vehicle near bell tower structure. Location will be the courtyard closer to Parish doors. Retrieve your child from his/her class. (Pick up for Kindergarten is at 2:30 for parking and social distancing purposes).
- **1st grade:** Pull in from North Road and park vehicle across from bell tower structure. Location will be the courtyard right outside the main office doors.
- **2nd grade:** Pull in from North Road and park vehicle closer to Covelli Center doors. Location will be from the gymnasium. On nice days, students will be waiting on the ramp leading to Covelli Center doors.
- **3rd grade:** Enter from North Rd. and turn right and move on past Parish and toward the last door on our building on your left. Park your vehicle to the right and walk to retrieve your child.
- **4th grade:** Enter from North Road and park vehicle closer to end of lot near Covelli Center doors. Students will be waiting in parking lot across from playground structure.
- **5th grade:** Enter from North Rd and park vehicle closer to end of lot near Covelli Center. Approach your child by walking in parking lot across from playground "structure" and continue walking until you see your child's teacher. They will be standing closer to the soccer field.

What is the proper school uniform to wear?

Students are to wear khaki pants or shorts (during shorts months) with a Kennedy polo. Girls may wear a plaid skirt/skort or jumper to school. On Fridays, students may wear their gym uniform which is a Kennedy navy t-shirt and plain navy blue shorts or jogging pants. Polos and gym t-shirts can be purchased at the Eagle's Nest located at the upper campus. **Note:**

Kindergarten students may wear plain polo tops without the Kennedy Logo.

Please note: Although we are not offering gym this year, students are still able to wear their gym uniform on Fridays.

Is bussing available?

Yes, we have bussing for Warren, Howland, and Lakeview students. Please contact the bus transportation department at each specific public school for details.

Is breakfast available to my child?

Yes, we will provide breakfast. There is a charge for breakfast and information will be included in your packet.

What is Meet the Teacher day?

Meet the Teacher day is when you and your child can meet his/her teacher. This year we will have a virtual Meet the Teacher. More information will follow.

How will I know how my child is doing in school?

If your child is in Kindergarten then he/she will only receive a progress report the first grading period. Thereafter, a regular report card will not be issued the first grading period. Our report cards are Standards-Based Report Cards for grades K-5 (4th & 5th grade is new this year to standards-based). This means your child will receive a score on the Ohio Department of Education Standards for your child's grade level. Your child will also be benchmarked for academic progress three times per year using the STAR Assessment. You will receive a report showing your child's progress after each assessment. Your child's teacher will always discuss your child's progress at Parent-Teacher Conferences.

What if my child is ill and needs to stay home?

When your child is absent from school, you must call the office by 9:00 am to inform us and the next day your child returns, you must send in a note explaining why your child was absent. If you do not call off your child, then your child will be marked as an unexcused absence. If you receive the EdChoice Scholarship and have 20 unexcused absences, then you are at risk of losing the scholarship.

How will I be noticed if school is cancelled for a snow day?

If we need to cancel school because of inclement weather, you will be alerted through a Parent Alert; however, always watch the news for alerts. The news will report us as Warren JFK; we are NOT Kennedy Christian.

