

Dear Parents,

As a follow-up to our [July 2 communication](#) which shared basics about our return-to-school plan, we have an update for you today about transportation and dismissal as we know it at this time. We have been working diligently on our detailed plan and expect to release that by Monday, July 27, if not sooner. Please know that there are many moving parts to be considered and we want to ensure that all the details of our plan are as solid as possible before sharing it. For every detail we share with you, there are many behind-the-scenes considerations that impact it, so we appreciate your patience as we fine-tune.

As of today, we have heard from 3 of the 4 school districts that provide bus transportation for our students: Copley, Highland and Woodridge. We expect to hear from Revere shortly. Copley, Highland and Woodridge have all indicated that they will provide bus transportation for our students for the 2020-2021 school year.

Copley Transportation Department will be sending a letter to parents of students residing in the Copley school district on August 1. In the meantime, Copley has asked us to share that students riding Copley buses must commit to riding all 5 days each week (may be morning or afternoon or both), and must wear masks while riding. Copley Transportation Department has asked that parents call Mrs. Mary Sharnsky ASAP at 330-664-4820 if children will be riding the bus this school year.

Highland Transportation Department has provided the attached letter regarding plans for transportation of St. Hilary School students. Please contact Highland directly with questions. Contact information is provided on the letter.

Woodridge Transportation Department has indicated that they will provide bus transportation for St. Hilary School students but has not yet shared any details.

As we plan for the safe dismissal of over 500 students during a pandemic, we must consider not only our bus riders, but also our car riders and students whose families rely on the Latchkey after-care program. In order to ensure social distancing during dismissal, we will follow a staggered dismissal schedule as follows:

2:50 pm - Kindergarten students and their siblings

Non-Kindergarten Families Alphabetically by Last Name:

2:55 pm - Last names A-F

3:00 pm - Last names G-M

3:05 pm - Last names H-R

3:10 pm - Last names S-Z

More information about this will be provided with our full plan, and reinforced in our communication in August. Students will not be released until their designated time, so it is important that you make every effort to arrive as close to that time as possible, rather than lining up far in advance. We also ask for your cooperation in picking up your child on time, or calling the office in advance if you will be a few minutes late. In addition, we

ask that the family last name of students being picked up be prominently displayed in the passenger side window of each car to help us efficiently match students with cars.

Finally, if you know your child will be using the Latchkey program, please [click here](#) to complete a brief survey that will help us plan for this program. If you know that your child will not be using the program, you do not need to complete the survey. If your plans are subject to change based on bus transportation information or other circumstances, please indicate that in the comment section of the survey or email Miss Marissa Decker at mdecker@st-hilary.org.

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to sharing our full return-to-school plan with you very soon.