Dear Parent,

The first week of school is almost upon us! Here is some information you will need to know before you arrive on campus next week.

**Health and Safety Assessments**
It goes without saying that daily health and safety assessments are crucial this year, and we must all do our part to keep our campus safe, happy, and healthy.

*Every day* you must complete a daily COVID screening through Ruvna, a system developed specifically during the pandemic. You will receive an alert via email and/or text every morning. The text will appear from the number 365-98 and the email will appear in your inbox from the sender Waldron Mercy Academy. You must complete the screening for each enrolled child by clicking the link. If your child is approved to enter the building, you will receive a barcode to present to faculty or staff upon your arrival. If your family is carpooling, the barcode can be transferred by text to the driver. For students who arrive by bus, the staff member at the bus drop-off will be able to verify in the Ruvna app that the student has a completed and successful assessment.

If your child does not pass the test, you will be directed to please keep your child at home. You will receive a call once school opens from one of our health and safety assessment team, Candace Flowers, Joanne Ferdinand, or Fran Gallagher.

Attached is additional information about the health assessment program. Upon your arrival at school a staff member will scan the unique QR code you received that morning after successfully answering the questions.

Students who arrive on campus without a completed assessment will be unable to exit their car or enter the building until the assessment is complete. If you are in your car, you will be directed to pull over until the program is successfully completed.

**Arrival and Dismissal**
Please make sure everyone in your vehicle is wearing a mask as soon as you enter our campus.

To minimize traffic congestion and assist with social distancing for our students, particularly for our three- and four-year olds, **families are being divided among three entrance/exit points** this year using the following specific directions:
• Families with students in Montessori, preschool, and pre-k will enter through the busline door at the back of the school that is facing Merion Mercy, as we expect reduced ridership on the busses this year. This will allow us to give the proper time and attention to those younger students and escort them to class. If you are entering campus from Montgomery Ave, you will make the second right, immediately after passing school on your right. If you are entering campus from Meeting House Lane, you will take a left directly after passing the athletic field.

• Families with students in Mrs. Maletta’s/Mrs. Fitzpatrick’s first grade class whose homeroom is in the cafeteria, along with their siblings, will enter and exit school in the front inner circle.

• All other families K-8 (except Mrs. Maletta’s families) will use the traditional car line entrance. Parents who need to assist students exiting the vehicle should use the left lane in front of the doors to drop off. Parents who will remain in the car during drop off can use the right lane on the right side of the playground or the inner lane to the left of the playground (when the line splits).

For Arrival, if everyone is not wearing a mask, including the driver, a staff member will ask you to don masks before checking that the health assessment has been completed for all students. If you have not completed the health and safety assessment, you will be asked to pull over to complete the app before proceeding to the drop-off point.

For Arrival, please remember that our doors open at 7:30 and will remain open until 8:15. Students who arrive after 8:15 are considered late and must enter through the front door. This process will remain the same for the first two weeks of school as we evaluate its effectiveness. We will communicate any changes if they become necessary.

Teachers and staff will be stationed throughout the hallways to ensure that students stay 6’ apart even in the hall. Students will wash or sanitize their hands immediately upon entering the building.

For Dismissal, students will be spread 6’ apart as they wait for their mode of transportation to arrive, whether it is a car, bus, or van. Just like in the morning, teachers and staff monitor hallway movement to make sure that students remain apart as they travel to their destination.

To ease congestion in our corridors and in the traffic on Montgomery Avenue at Dismissal, all families who are picking up by car will need to sign up for a slot on the Pick-up Sign Up Genius. You will receive the Sign Up Genius link for the Pick-up times at 8:00 p.m. tomorrow night, Thursday, September 3. This schedule will remain in place for the first two weeks of school as we evaluate its effectiveness. We will inform you on September 16 whether we need to adjust the time slots based on congestion, otherwise the schedule will remain in place for the entire month, and will be reopened at the end of each month for the next month.

Uniform Reminders
Students may dress in spirit wear each day they attend school the first week after Labor Day. If new students do not have spirit wear, they may wear khaki, gray, white, navy blue clothing. When in the building, students should wear any comfortable shoe, with the exception of sneakers which may be worn on gym day. Each Monday, beginning with the first full week, we ask that students wear their uniform, with the exception of any new students who may not have their uniform yet. These new students are invited to continue wearing spirit wear or the aforementioned colored clothing.
Keep an eye out for more information this week about lunch and forms that must be completed before the first day of school. Please also don’t forget to check out our FAQs at the bottom of this page on our website.

In Mercy,
Ann Marie
Daily Screening for COVID-19

Your school is taking significant steps to ensure everyone stays safe this fall. To help keep school open, you must screen your children before they come to school each day.

Steps to take

1. Receive the text or email alert
2. Click the link
3. Complete the screening
4. Receive further instructions from your school automatically

FAQs:

- Will my child’s other parents/guardians receive links? All appropriate parents/guardians on record will be contacted.
- Will my student be able to complete their own screening? Your school may allow students over 13 to complete their own screenings.
- Is data secure? Yes, data is only shared with your school, and is stored in Ruvna’s encrypted infrastructure.
- How do I register to receive screenings? Your school registers guardians automatically.
- What if I have multiple children in school? You will receive one link through which to complete multiple screenings.

You’ll be given instructions immediately after completing the screening.

If your child is symptom-free, you’ll also receive a barcode to present at arrival.
Receive the text or email alert

1. Delivered to you automatically each day, no registration required
   - Texts come from 36598
   - All parents/guardians with up-to-date contact information on file with your school will receive the notification

Click the link

2. Each day you’ll get a secure, single use link
   - No sign-ins, downloads or apps whatsoever. Just click the link to access the screening
Based on the information in your screening, you will immediately receive further instructions from your school.

If your child is symptom-free, you may be given a "pass" with a barcode to present upon arrival.

You will be able to share a link to the pass with your child (optional).

If your child does not have their pass but was still screened, they will still be permitted to enter.
Didn’t get an alert, or don’t see the option to screen all of your children?

Your school can help. Contact your school or district directly if you encounter any issues receiving alerts, or accessing the screenings for all of your children.