



June 12, 2020

Dear New Villa Parents,

Happy June! I hope you and your families are healthy and enjoying a welcome taste of summer. I am sharing updates and information for your 2020-21 school year planning with hope and belief that we will reopen on August 19th as scheduled. Please note these plans are tentative and we will communicate modifications and changes as needed. We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we balance scheduling and planning with regulations and requirements.

St. Ursula Villa ended our school year on a strong note while creatively reinventing special Villa traditions to align with COVID-19 guidelines. We celebrated a socially distanced May Crowning, honored our Class of 2020 graduates with “drive-in movie”-style ceremonies, and sent families off to summer with teachers waving and lining our “Final Carline” route. It was an unusual year, but our Villa community rose to the challenge and remained connected and supportive. We truly lived our 2019-20 Ursuline school theme, “If you stand united in heart, you will be strong in adversity.”

2020-21 PLANNING AND COVID-19 TASK FORCE UPDATE

Looking ahead to the 2020-21 school year, we hope that on August 19th we will reopen with our strong teachers delivering in-person learning to all our Villa students in classrooms. We will also be prepared for alternatives as needed. St. Ursula Villa’s administration and Board of Trustees has formed a COVID Task Force to help guide our decision-making over the next several months and will regularly meet to develop three plans for next year given the current guidelines and scenarios. Obviously, we will learn more over the next few months and this group will steer decisions and planning. Interim Principal Kent Halaby shares an update in this video. [Click here to view.](#)

2020-21 TUITION PAYMENT PLANS

We are researching using a Tuition Management Service to streamline billing. As a result, we have not yet sent our usual tuition payment plans with a June billing timeframe. The new billing system will likely structure monthly payment plans beginning in August or September. We will keep you informed when the decision is final and send the appropriate paperwork.

SUMMER CAMP

We are redesigning our Villa Summer Camp programming to accommodate safety guidelines and recommended limitations. Updated information will be posted on [our Summer Program website](#) by June 15th outlining July/August camp decisions and offerings, both in-person and virtual. Please stay tuned.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- Please plan to join us for the rescheduled *New Parent Orientation and Reception* on Thursday, August 13th at 7:00 pm. Watch for an evite as we get closer to this informative and social evening.
- Our *Meet and Greet* on Monday, August 17th will provide a chance to meet your child's teacher/s, visit classrooms, and enjoy ice cream treats from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- Preschool and Kindergarten students will observe *Transition Mornings* and attend either on Wednesday, August 19th or Thursday, August 20th from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. All preschoolers and Kindergarteners will attend on Friday, August 21st from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. Regular schedules - including After School Care - begin on Monday, August 24th. Your child's specific schedule will be mailed to you in July.

WELCOME BOOK

The attached electronic Welcome Book is a helpful reference for basic school information, names and contact information, and St. Ursula Villa's history and Ursuline identity. Printed copies of the Welcome Book will be distributed at the New Parent Orientation.

RENWEB ACCOUNT, SPORTS REGISTRATIONS, MEDICAL FORM

As a reminder, please refer to previous emails (dated May 13) for this information or contact me with questions.

Thanks again for choosing and supporting St. Ursula Villa. We will continue to keep you updated over the next few months and look forward to seeing you at the August 13th New Parent Orientation and Reception.

Warmly,