



Dear Kindergarten Parents,

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year! My name is Mrs. Nancy Belsterling and I am your child's kindergarten teacher. It is my honor and pleasure to teach your child this year.

Orientation: Orientation will be held on **Monday, August 26 from 9:00-11:00**. If you are a **parent of a girl**, please come between **9:00-10:00**. If you are a **parent of a boy**, please come between **10:00-11:00**. This will be an opportunity for your child to (re)meet me and visit our classroom with the security of their parent(s.)

You will be assisting your child in setting up his/her supply tub so bring your child's supplies (a list is included with this letter.) If you will be shopping at *Office Depot/Office Max*, please ask to give St. Anne School credit for your purchase or use our school number **70088392**. For those who shop on Amazon, please register to support Saint Anne School and shop through *AmazonSmile!* Lastly, link your *Shop and Save* Perks Card to St. Anne School to help bring an assembly to our students. After you link your Perks Card to St. Anne School, just swipe your Perks Card any time you shop. Your purchases will be automatically added to our school's total.

It is my hope that this letter will answer any initial questions you may have about kindergarten and provide the necessary information to start us off on an exciting year. More questions? I can answer them during orientation or email me at nbelsterling@saintaneschool.org (even during the summer)!

Arrival/Dismissal: Our regular schedule will begin **Tuesday, August 27**. Children should be brought to the "service" door located to the left of the playground; no earlier than 8:00. I will be there to meet your child the first day of school. Other teachers will be at the door on a rotating basis. Bussed students will be met as they arrive.

At orientation, you will tell me your child's usual way (bus, driver, or extended care) to go home. Students who are *drivers* will be dismissed at the plaza at 2:55. **You must write a note on any day your child is going home in a different way.**

Absences: Whenever your child will not be attending school, please call the office at 412-561-7720 to inform us. On the day your child returns to class, a written or emailed excuse is needed for the files. An absence of three days or more requires a doctor's excuse.

Dress Code: Our uniform provider is Pro3 Services They are located at 2101 Greentree Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220. Contact info is (412) 279-1102 or <http://pro3services.com/find-my-school/st-anne-school/>. Detailed information on our Dress Code can be found on the school website(<http://www.saintanneschool.org>).

GIRLS:

Girls in grades K through 3 wear the uniform plaid jumper with a **white** Peter Pan collared blouse purchased from the uniform store on Mass days. On non-Mass days, in addition to the jumper, girls also have the option of wearing navy pants/uniform shorts (black pants and shorts are not permitted) with a uniform banded polo with **school logo** or a uniform logoed vest with a Peter Pan collared blouse.

BOYS:

All boys are required to wear **navy** pants/uniform shorts (black pants and shorts are not permitted) and either a white or light blue polo with the school logo. Boys must also have a **white dress shirt with school logo** and **solid navy tie** to wear for Mass and other special events. Shirts should be tucked in and worn with a **black belt**. Ties should be appropriate in length. Short sleeve white dress shirts may be worn August thru October and April thru end of school year. Extensions of these dates are at the discretion of the principal.

Calendars: A monthly calendar will be posted on our classroom page, <http://nbelsterling.weebly.com/> Included will be “specials;” Spanish, gym, art, music and library days, as well as additional special days, items needed for projects and activities to be completed at home. There may be pertinent information on the school’s monthly calendar NOT written on the kindergarten calendar.

Lunch: A monthly lunch calendar is posted on the St. Anne website. Your child may choose to pack or buy the cafeteria lunch. I will ask them each day if they are a “packer” or “buyer”. Each day there are four “buyer” choices; Hot Entrée, Deli Selection, Bagel and Yogurt or Garden Salad. The cafeteria is peanut free except for one table. If your child chooses to pack peanut butter, they will sit at that table. A peanut butter packer will always have a kindergarten buddy. They never sit by themselves at that table. As a packer, don’t forget to send in drink money for milk or water.

Please send in lunch money **in an envelope** marked with your child’s **name and labeled** “Lunch Money”. You may pay ahead and draw from your “account”, adding funds as needed. Your child will always get a lunch even if you’re out money. A notice will be sent from the office if this occurs.

Snacks: Your child should pack a healthy snack every day to be eaten during a morning break: crackers, cheese, fruit, vegetables, etc. Please, **no** sweets... candy, cupcakes, etc. Water is available daily for your child to drink, just send a cup. If you send a drink, it must be a clear liquid: for example Capri Sun or lemonade. Please adhere to this ...red drink spills stain our carpet ☹

Book Club: I will be sending a monthly list of books through Scholastic Book Club that you may purchase throughout the year. You may order in two ways; online or through the paper order form. If you choose the paper form, complete it and return with a check written out to *Scholastic Book Clubs*, in a sealed envelope with your child's name written on it. If you want any items as gifts, just mark the order "gift" and I will send it home concealed. Scholastic awards bonus points for each book purchased. I may purchase books or other items for the classroom using these points. Thank you for your support.

Report Cards: Report cards are given three times a year in kindergarten: January, March and June. There are conferences for all students in November. Additional conferences will be scheduled as needed.

Please feel free to contact me at any time, by phone at the school office at 412-561-7720, by note, or email (nbelsterling@saintanneschool.org) if you have a problem or concern during the course of the school year. Weekly kindergarten messages can be heard on the Homework Hotline by calling the school number then Ext. 203. Thank you for entrusting your child to me. Welcome to the Kingdom of Kindergarten!

Sincerely,
Nancy Belsterling

Kindergarten Supplies

Please have your child's name or initials on each item.

Markers- washable, wide tip

Scissors- Fiskar blunt end

Glue sticks- 4 large (No glue pens or Elmer's)

Pencils- no.2 or husky/primary type

Crayons- no larger than 24 count

Colored Pencils

Coins- 31 pennies, 6 nickels, 10 dimes, 1 quarter

Back-pack

Headphones

Folder

1 1/2 inch Binder and

1 inch Binder

Placemat(hard plastic if possible, please)—for snack time

1 small recent **picture** of your child



For classroom use:

- **Tissue-** 1 large box

