

SAINT DEMETRIOS CATHEDRAL OF ASTORIA

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Dear St. Demetrios School Parents,

The last several months we all have gone through a chaotic summer dealing with the pandemic. The Corona virus has caused all of us to uproot our way of life, change the way we communicate and impose on all of us an additional burden to protect ourselves on a daily basis. I pray that your families have had a safe and healthy summer. Now we all have to work together to bring back some normalcy that we have taken for granted.

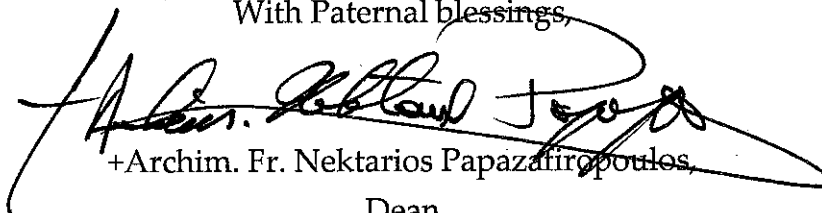
This week our administration conducted virtual Webinar meetings to inform you of all that has taken place this summer in preparation for the restarting of our School. We had hundreds of parents participating and sending their questions concerning the opening of the School. The responses have been positive and the majority of parents are supportive about the opening of the school and the students returning to their classrooms. And for some parents that are still hesitant and/or have health issues, our administration has arranged to provide remote classes.

Both, the School Board Chairman and I have been around all summer working with our administration to make sure work is proceeding in anticipation of the return of our students. There have been hundreds of hours of work committed to increasing security in our buildings and providing safety protocols that have been approved by the City agencies, so that, when School begins your children will be attending in a safe environment.

Since the beginning of the year our School administration has been working diligently and in cooperation with the School Board chair along with the clergy to have a warm and cordial environment. The students need to return to a familiar place of learning and know that we are all here committed to ensure your children are being educated in a safe atmosphere. We hope that you do register your children and continue supporting our School.

May God be with all of you in these challenging times.

With Paternal blessings,



+Archim. Fr. Nektarios Papazafiroopoulos,
Dean