



September 4, 2020

Dear Stanley G. Falk School Families,

I hope that this letter finds you enjoying the last full week of summer vacation. It is with great excitement and pleasure that I welcome your child back to the Falk School next week for the kick off of the 2020-2021 school year, as we reopen our doors to our Roosevelt, Rossler, and Cambridge locations and relaunch remote learning for our Satellite students and all others that opted into virtual learning. I would also like to take this opportunity to share some important information with you regarding the opening of school.

As we reflect on the last 5 months, I would like to highlight the dedication and professionalism of the staff at the Stanley G. Falk School. The team transitioned from the structure and routine of our in-person program, to a whole new way of providing services to students. The summer program was met with new approaches to engage students, including increased home visits and live instruction. As we plan for the reopening of school and the need for both in-person and virtual learning opportunities, staff has shown excitement and enthusiasm for the start of 2020-2021 school year. As many parents expressed in the past weeks, there truly is no better group of educators than the team standing behind your child at the Falk School.

Please note the following information as we prepare for the beginning of school for all students:

- All Stanley G. Falk School students returning for in-person instruction are required to complete a daily at-home self-screening. The self screening includes the following:
 - a. Take your child's temperature.
 - b. After taking your child's temperature, an answer of **NO** to each of the following questions is required before allowing your child to come to school:
 - 1) My child's temperature today is above 100.4° F.
 - 2) My child has been diagnosed with, or tested positive for, COVID-19 within the past 14 days.
 - 3) My child has been directed to self-isolate by a public health authority or by a healthcare provider due to potential exposure to COVID-19 within the past 14 days.
 - 4) My child has or has had symptoms in the past 14 days, associated with COVID-19 infection (ex: fever >100.4, chills, cough, muscle pain, loss of taste)

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- 5) My child had close contact (within six feet) with someone who I know was under quarantine or was diagnosed with COVID-19 or has shown symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days
 - 6) My child or someone in my household has travelled to or from a region with significant community spread of Covid-19, as identified by the CDC, New York State or other governing body, within the last 14 days
- If you are returning in person and are in need of a digital thermometer, please contact your child's principal or stop in at the school site to receive one.
 - All remote learners will be provided with a school issued device to utilize for instruction and school work. If you have not done so already, please be sure that you have picked up the school issued device from the campus where he or she attends.
 - Any response to the presence of COVID-19 in our schools will be done in cooperation with the Erie County Department of Health, the New York State Department of Health, and the New York State Education Department.

I am looking forward to a safe and healthy start to the 2020-2021 school year. Your patience is appreciated during this unprecedented time. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's principal or email reopening@falkschool.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachael Greene". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rachael Greene
Superintendent
Stanley G. Falk School