

Dear Parents and Students,

Many of you are wondering what next school year will look like in light of the mandated restrictions for schools both private and public in order to open in the fall. As a private school we must follow points 1-3 of the Ready School, Safe Learners Guidance Document. We are in the process of working to develop our Operational Blueprint Plan for School Reentry. Because developments are fluid right now, we are only able to address what we know for sure at this point and will keep you posted if changes occur. We are creating a communicable disease management plan and assure you that we are driven by the health and safety requirements for opening a safe school.

At this time we will not be able to provide in-person instruction until the following has been met:

- There have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 among school staff or students in the past 14 days
- The case rate in the county is ≤ 30 cases per 100,000 population in the preceding 7 days for the past three weeks.
- The test positivity in the county is $\leq 5\%$ in the preceding 7 days for the past three weeks;
- Schools fully comply with sections 1-3 of the Ready Schools, Safe Learners guidance.

We are preparing a Comprehensive Distance Learning Guidance plan and have begun speaking with families to address any concerns to ensure this will be a successful learning experience. A packet will be sent to families with their class schedule and additional instructions on how to access curriculum and materials ongoing. Teachers will begin reaching out to families to provide additional support and instructions.

Once we get confirmation that schools may reopen we will notify parents of the date students may return to school. Here is what school may look like once school reopens.

Our school week will be Tuesday through Friday, unless we need to accommodate for a Holy Day. Calendars will be sent in advance indicating the scheduled school days.

School Hours are 8:00-2:30. We will have scheduled staggered drop-off and pick-up times to support social distancing guidelines.

Students will use hand sanitizer when they enter the building or wash their hands for 20 seconds as they enter the classroom. Handwashing stations are located in each classroom.

Each day when a child checks in an adult is required to visually check the student for symptoms.

Students and staff will need to stay home if they have any of the following symptoms: fever of 100.4 degrees F, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty in breathing. Parents will be asked to monitor their child's health before sending them to school.

Visitors must wear face coverings upon entry and screening is required.

Staff will wear a face mask or face coverings. Children age 5 years and older must wear a mask or a face covering.

Children not yet in grade Kindergarten or up should not wear a face covering.

Children of any age should not wear a face covering:

- o If they have a medical condition that makes it difficult for them to breathe with a face covering;
- o If they experience a disability that prevents them from wearing a face covering;
- o They are unable to remove the face covering independently; or
- o While sleeping.

All classrooms will be set up according to the guidelines of social distancing (35 sq/ft per child). We will strive to maintain as much social distancing as possible.

Students will be separated into cohorts. Cohorting refers to a consistent group of students who stays together for the duration of the day with minimal contact with other cohorts. These cohorts allow for contact tracing by filling out daily logs.

If a student/staff were to test positive for COVID-19, we will contact the Marion County Health Department and follow the recommended guidelines.

Meals and snacks will be eaten in the classroom. Students will be required to wash hands before and after and keep social distance as much as possible.

We will use the playground for recesses on a staggered schedule throughout the school day. Equipment will be cleaned between each cohort.

Lunch time will also be on a staggered schedule. Students are required to wash hands before and after lunch/recess.

Students will have their own school supplies marked with their names and will not be shared with other students in the classroom.

We are striving to keep things as normal as possible while following all of the guidelines in order to keep our students and staff safe

Stay safe and healthy,

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