

St. Mary School Reset and Restart Plans

Please understand that details are subject to change at any time. However, at this time, our goal is to share information to help families plan for the upcoming school year.

- St. Mary School will follow a slightly modified version of the current school calendar, which can be found on the website; open houses are yet to be determined.
- The first day of school for students with parents'/guardians' last names beginning with letters A through L will start on August 18; those students will stay home on August 19. The first day of school for students with parents'/guardians' last names beginning with letters M through Z will start on August 19; those students will stay home on August 19. All students will be in the building on August 20.
- In high use areas and high touch areas, a daily cleaning schedule and protocols will be followed. This includes cafeterias, restrooms, classrooms, and all areas used throughout the day.

Options

Option One: Return to the building for face-to-face classes with safety guidelines below

Option Two: Utilize remote learning at home (see guidelines on page five).

Health

Parents are expected to perform a health check on their child(ren) each morning to ensure an appropriate temperature (below 100 degrees), and the child is feeling well and not exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms before h/she gets on a school bus or is dropped off at school. If a student is exhibiting any symptoms, they are not to attend school until they are symptom-free, without medication, as defined by the CDC here <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html> or see below.

- Teachers will perform a temperature check for each student before the student enters the classroom. If a student has a temperature over 100 degrees F, h/she will be isolated in a separate room, and a parent/guardian will be called.
- Teachers and staff will monitor all students for signs of illness throughout the day. If at any point, a student does not feel well or develops a fever, h/she will be isolated in a separate room, and a parent/guardian will be called.

COVID-19 Symptoms

Help prevent the spread of COVID-19

You may have COVID-19 if you experience one or more of the following:

- Fever or chills.
- Cough.
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.
- Fatigue.
- Muscle or body aches.
- Headache.
- Loss of taste or smell.
- Sore throat.
- Congestion or runny nose.
- Nausea or vomiting.
- Diarrhea.

Symptoms range from mild to severe and may appear two to 14 days after exposure to the virus.

Face-to-Face Format

Students that plan on attending school in a traditional format (5 days a week), may have the following safety protocols and adjustments in place:

- **Transportation:** Face masks will be required for all students, grades K-8, on bus transportation. Please note, no bus passes will be given in an effort to keep each child on only one bus.
- **Disinfecting:** A schedule has been developed to include thorough disinfecting of areas frequently touched by students and staff in order to reduce the chances of the spread of the virus. This includes but is not limited to door handles, desks, handrails, toilets, sinks, and stalls.
- **Social Distancing:** All classrooms plan to maximize the greatest possible distance between each student and staff. Portable desktop partitions are available in many classrooms.
- **Cafeteria:** Lunch periods and seating will be altered to allow for spacing. Areas other than the cafeteria may be used. Foodservice will follow guidelines such as touchless serving lines, individual packaging of condiments, etc., and spacing in serving lines.
- **Water Bottles:** Students should bring their own water bottles to school. Bottle filling stations will be made available; however, common-use drinking fountains will be closed.
- **Arrival/Dismissal:** Entering and exiting the building will be refined to avoid congestion in any one area. These are being assessed and notification of drop off and pick up will be communicated prior to the first day of school. Students will not gather in the gymnasium as in years past.
- **Recess:** The schedule has been altered, so playground areas are utilized safely and with fewer students on the playground. Each class will have its own set of equipment and will be sanitized between each use.
- **Transitions:** (between classrooms, going to the restroom, etc.): Transitions will be scheduled to avoid congestion in the halls and crossover with groups of students. Throughout the buildings, directional arrows and signage will be utilized. Students will remain in the classroom as much as possible
- **Handwashing:** Handwashing will be frequent and part of the daily routine. Grades K-4 have a sink in each classroom, and hand sanitizer will be readily available in each classroom and all common areas.
- **Visitors and volunteers:** Access to the building will be limited. No visitors will be permitted beyond the office area. If a student needs something delivered, there will be a bin by the main doors for drop-off

Additional Changes

- **Sharing of Equipment/Supplies**
 - Students may not share resources as in years past unless proper sanitizing/cleaning occurs between student's use.
 - Students in grades 4-8 are assigned their own Chromebook (whether traditional or online learning).
 - Students in grades K-3 will be assigned their own iPad when in the traditional classroom.
- We will limit assemblies and field trips this year in order to reduce exposures outside the school building.
- Because we need to limit the number of people other than students and staff who enter our school this year, ISP meetings and other meetings with parents will be held virtually and in those limited cases where visitors need to come in the building, they will require prior authorization by the administrator.
- All students will be permitted to wear PE uniforms on PE days.

Face Masks

- **All teachers and staff** will wear face masks while inside the building.
- **PK-1 students** will wear face masks on buses and when transitioning in hallways or throughout the building and when entering or exiting the building for the day. Teachers will determine appropriate distancing for removal of masks. Desktop partitions will be used in grades K-2.
- **Grades 2-8 students** will wear masks on buses and throughout the school day, except when eating lunch, with teachers providing mask breaks when students are physically distanced from each other. Desktop partitions will be available.
- **Face masks should be navy blue, black, white, grey, hunter green, school plaid, St. Mary's, or Central Catholic.** Each Friday will be Fun Face Mask Friday where students can choose to wear a print face mask as long as it is school appropriate.

**The only exceptions to wearing face masks is for those individuals who cannot wear a face mask for a medical reason (school form that is authorized by a doctor will need to be submitted to the school prior to the start of school).*

**Any student arriving without a mask will be given a single use, disposable one to wear that day.*

Lockers/Coat Hooks

Lockers and coat hooks will not be used at the beginning of the year. Students will keep their backpacks and coats or jackets and other belongings with them at their seats.

School Mass

Our weekly school Mass will continue to be celebrated on Wednesdays at 8:15 a.m. Due to social distancing protocols, students will attend Mass in the church on an alternating schedule based on their grade level. Students not attending Mass in church will watch the live-stream feed in their homeroom.

2020-2021 Calendar Revisions

Our school start date has been modified. Our first two days of school will be staggered start days based on last name.

Tuesday, August 18: Staggered Start, Full Day, Last Names starting with the letter A-L, Grades K-8

Wednesday, August 19: Staggered Start, Full Day, Last Names starting with the letter M-Z, Grades K-8

Thursday, August 20: ALL Students, Full Day, Grades K-8

Tuesday, September 8: First Day of Preschool

Thursday, October 29: Parent/Teacher Conferences on hold

CANCELLATION of Back to School Events

- Due to the COVID-19 restrictions relating to large group gatherings, we have decided to cancel our **Backpack Blessing and Open House** scheduled for Sunday, August 16. We sincerely apologize for the cancellation as we know many of our families look forward to this event every year.
- Our **Pre-Loved Uniform Sale** will be held on Thursday, August 6 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. instead of on August 3. No more than ten people will be permitted at any one time. Entrance to the event will be through the glass doors and exit will be through the main, blue doors.

Discipline

A student's refusal to obey guidelines as it related to COVID-19 safety protocols may treated as insubordination, and the student may be disciplined in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

What happens if someone gets COVID-19?

We realize that despite your and our best efforts, someone may become infected. Below is what the school and parents should do.

- Any student or staff member exhibiting potential symptoms of COVID-19 will be assessed by the school nurse and sent home if deemed necessary. Staff and students who start to show symptoms or have a temperature above 100°F while at school, will be isolated from others in a designated space while waiting to go home. Areas of the building occupied by the individual will be thoroughly sanitized.
- If any student or staff member tests positive or is presumed positive for COVID-19, the school will immediately contact the Massillon City Health Department to take their direction in dealing with the situation properly.
- A doctor's Return to School/Work note is required to return to school after a positive COVID-19 test.

Remote Learning Option

- Students will attend classes virtually through live-stream Google Meet lessons via Google Classroom or from recorded lessons from their regular classroom teachers occurring in real-time when possible during the normal school hours (8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.) with natural breaks given during snack, recess, lunch, and when there is no direct instruction occurring.
 - Lessons will be recorded and posted online to Google Classroom for review if needed.
 - Each homeroom will have a daily schedule posted to their Google Classroom with specific class start times and links to any lesson materials including notes and assignments.
- Attendance will be taken throughout the day with active participation expected.
 - Remote Learning students who are sick and unable to attend virtual classes will need to report their absence to the school office, just as if they were attending classes in the traditional manner.
- Students are expected to complete all assignments that are part of the learning process.
- Assignments will be due on the same schedule as students in the face-to-face classroom.
- Students will be subject to grading as it exists in the face-to-face classroom setting.
- Student promotion will be dependent on work completion, online time, and work accuracy.
- Academic honesty is expected at all times. Students are expected to complete their own assignments. Support from others may be needed at times, but it should never involve someone else doing the work for the student, including parents, siblings, and friends.
- Students who are eligible for special education services will receive them remotely during typical school hours.
- A school-issued Chromebook will be provided if needed.
- A nine-week commitment is required for each quarter throughout the school year.
- Home internet access will not be provided by St. Mary School and is the responsibility of the families choosing the Remote Learning option.