



OUR LADY *of* MERCY

Plan for Returning to School Safely 2021-22

COVID Reporting

- There is a link provided on the school website for you to report a potential close contact and/or positive test to the school.
- Nurse Cindy Vinning will reach out to you by the next school day to discuss details and give you a return date for your student.
- Please do not contact your child's teacher directly. The teacher will contact you once learning plans have been finalized.
- Please note that multiple calls and emails slow the process down of accommodating the student's learning plan during quarantine.

Virtual Learning for Quarantined Students

- If a student is quarantined due to Covid for greater than 4 school days they will be allowed to participate in Zoom virtual learning. Once return has been coordinated via school nurse, online learning will begin within 1-2 days. This is offered for students in 3rd - 8th grade.
- Students in 3y - 2nd grade will be sent home materials to complete missed assignments.
- Any student that will be out for 4 or fewer days will be sent home materials to complete missed assignments.

Face Masks

- A face mask is required for K - 8th students and all employees.
- It is highly recommended for 3Y & PreK students to wear a face mask to school, but it is not required.
- Face masks must be worn in the building at all times except lunch and outdoor breaks or recess.
- 3Y - 8th grade students will be required to wear a mask:
 - on the bus
 - during assembly & when attending Mass
 - during morning care and extended day when indoors
 - during afternoon carpool
 - during indoor group gatherings before or after school
- Student face masks should be labeled with the student's name.
- It is highly recommended for students to have a spare face mask in their backpacks at all times.
- Face masks should be kept in a Ziplock bag until needed.
- Face coverings should not distract from the classroom experience and must be appropriate for school use as deemed by school administration.
- Parents must wear a mask and social distance in the building when signing their child in or out of school.

School Environment

- For grades 1st - 8th desks will be spaced 3 feet apart when possible.
- Teachers will direct students when moving through the hallways and around campus.
- The restrooms will be sanitized every 2 hours.
- All classrooms will have hand sanitizer, spare face masks, and cleaning supplies.
- Students will also be washing or sanitizing their hands throughout the day between classes and before eating.
- Students in grade 3-8 will switch classes.
- We will have recess with class groups in zones.
- Classes will eat lunch outside in designated areas or within their classrooms.
- Students who bring their lunches will not have access to microwaves.

Arrival

Carpool

We will be returning to our regular carpool lines used prior to the start of Covid - see below for more details.

- Lower School Carpool (in front of Lower School building) - Little Saints - 2nd, REACH students
- Sibling Carpool (in front of Upper School office) - Families with students in Lower & Upper School, Lower School students will be walked across the street by school personnel into the Lower School building
- Church Carpool (Church parking lot) - 3rd - 8th

Bus Riders

- Bus riders will be dropped off in the gym parking lot.
- 3Y - 8th grade bus riders must wear masks on the bus ride to and from school.

Walkers

- Walkers may not arrive before 7:25

Dismissal

Carpool - Students utilizing carpool will go home with their oldest sibling.

- All 3Y - 8th grade students are required to wear a mask during carpool.
- All carpools will begin at 3pm
 - Lower school students with Upper School siblings will cross to Upper School for dismissal in the church parking lot in the afternoon.

Walkers

- Lower School walkers will be allowed to cross the street with the duty teacher at 3:00 pm

School Activities

- We will alternate Mass for grades 3-5 and 6-8 every other Friday. Due to social distancing, only students and teachers may attend school masses.
- We will allow therapists on campus as long as they pass the health screening prior to entering campus after Labor Day.

Visitors

- Visitors in the building will be limited and face masks are required by all visitors.
- Any parent entering the building for any reason must wear a face mask.
- Therapists will be allowed on campus after Labor Day with required health screening and face mask.
- Parents may not join students for lunch until further notice.