FALL 2020

BACK TO SCHOOL

PHASE One Re-Opening Campus Policies and Procedures *for* Parents and Students *of* St. John the Baptist Catholic School.

St John the Baptist
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

introduction

WELCOME BACK!

Throughout the summer, our reopening committee has been working hard to develop a plan to begin school in-person on Tuesday, September 8th. We have consulted with and used feedback from medical professionals, educators from a variety of private and public schools, the Minnesota Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, St. John's staff, and St. John's families to develop these plans. Our plan aims to keep our staff, students, and families safe and healthy while providing them with a good educational experience.

Our Phase One plan will take us through mid-October when we will re-evaluate and make any needed adjustments. An important part of this plan is your cooperation in assisting us to keep everyone safe, healthy, and in school.

A PHASED APPROACH TO RE-OPENING

1

DISTANCE LEARNING

Our experience this past spring taught us a lot, and we are working to refine our process to make this an even better experience for our students and families if it is needed. Should we need to do distance learning, all students in grades K-8 will access classroom zoom meetings, instructional videos, educational apps, and daily learning plans through Google Classroom. Students will be taught how to use these tools during the first month of school, so they are prepared to use them if needed.

2

IN-PERSON AND ONLINE HYBRID

At this time, we will not be using a hybrid approach.

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CURRENT PLAN: IN-PERSON WITH ONLINE LEARNING AS NEEDED

This is our current plan. We will provide a modified online learning option for those students who need to stay home due to COVID-19 related concerns. Parents were asked to notify the school via a Google Form if this option was needed. Further information will be provided to those families.

4

IN-PERSON WITH SOME RESTRICTIONS

It is our hope that we can have all our students in school. As we move towards that goal, we will likely have a phase where there will continue to be some restrictions. You will notified if we move into this phase and what those restriction will be.

5

IN-PERSON WITH NO RESTRICTIONS (BACK TO "NORMAL")

This is a goal. We hope that we will be able to experience in-person with no restrictions sometime in the 2020-2021 school year.

PREPARING FOR FLEXIBILITY

As we all know, the COVID-19 pandemic is fluid and changes frequently. We are doing our best to stay up-to-date with all new protocols and procedures provided by the Minnesota Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We ask our St. John's families to be flexible as we work to do our best for our students and staff.

the school day

AT-A-GLANCE

We are excited for the 2020-2021 school year! Our goal is to keep our staff, students, and families safe and healthy. The following is our Phase One plan, which will take us through mid-October. At this time, we will reevaluate our plan and make adjustments as needed.

HOW WE WILL COMMUNICATE WITH YOU

Be sure to check the COVID-19 page on our school website as well as email, Principal's Bulletins, and classroom newsletters for all updates and information about our plan.

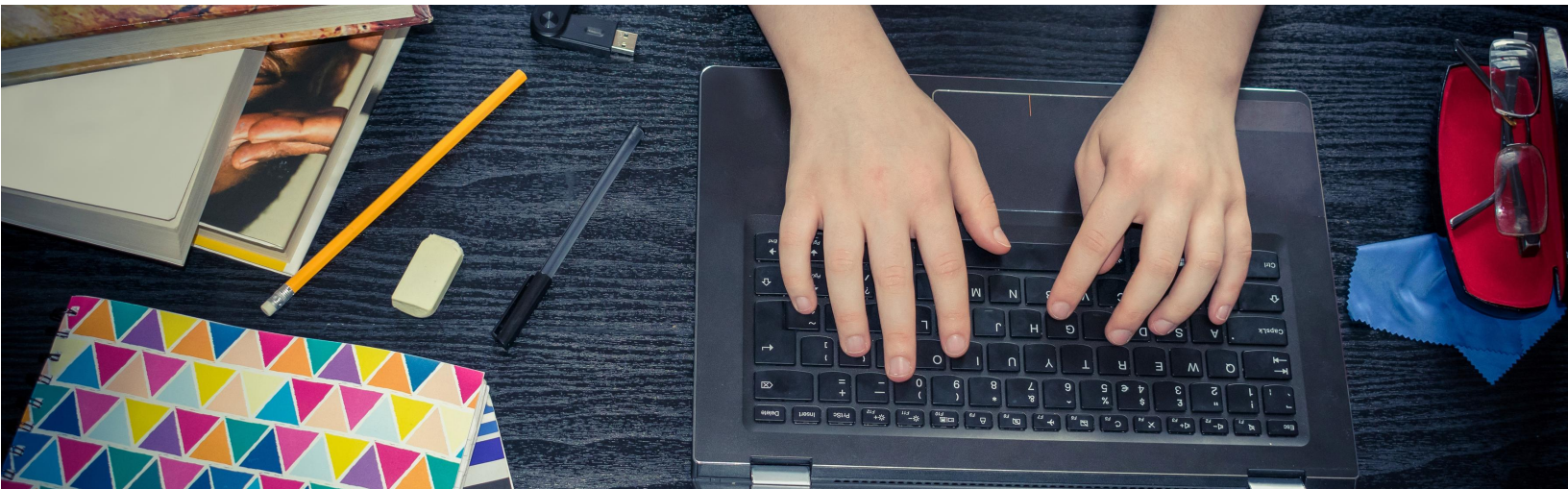
HOW TO ACCESS YOUR VIRTUAL CLASSROOM

Within the first few weeks of school, students will learn how to access Google Classroom and other educational apps for any future distance learning. We will have links to Google Classroom as well as instructional videos on our school website.

09.08.20
first day of school

7:20-7:50 AM
arrival time

2:30 PM
dismissal time



our shared commitment

HEALTH AND SAFETY

St. John's is committed to provide a safe and healthy environment for our students to grow and develop academically, spiritually, and socially. We are doing our best to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all, and we need your help! Please help us by monitoring your child's health (temperature and symptoms) as well as adhering to mask, social distancing, and other policies.

SCHOOL COMMITMENT:

TEMPERATURE SCREENINGS

Temperature checks will be done every morning before your child enters school and as needed during the school day. Any child with a temperature will be remain in the health office to await pick up. Please help us by checking your child's temperature before sending them to school. All students with a temperature should stay home from school.

HAND WASHING

SJB students and staff will be educated in proper handwashing and hand sanitizing techniques. Hands will be washed or sanitized frequently throughout the school day (after arriving at school, before eating, after recess, as well as other times).

RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE

SJB students and staff will be taught proper respiratory etiquette including coughing into the elbow and wearing masks. Students will frequently be reminded about this throughout the week.

FREQUENT SANITATION

SJB has a cleaning log outlining common areas and high touch surfaces that will be cleaned throughout the day. We will also disinfect and clean all school spaces every evening. Additionally, desks and computers/iPads will be cleaned after use.

NURSING STAFF

SJB will have a school nurse provided by the Mounds View School District . The nurse will assist with any assessment of an ill student as well as help families determine when a student is able to return to school.

PARENT COMMITMENT:

FOLLOW HEALTH + SAFETY PLAN

SJB has developed a health and safety plan in accordance with the CDC and MDH. Visit the school website for more information.

STUDENTS WITH SYMPTOMS

Students with a fever higher than 100 degrees or other COVID symptoms should stay home. If students display symptoms at school, they will remain in the health office, and we will notify parents to pick up their child. Parents will need to contact the school nurse, Joy Thienes, or Ann Laird before a student may return to school. See the COVID-19 page on our website for information about COVID-19 symptoms as well as the Decision Tree for return to school guidelines.

PRAYER + MASS

Prayer will continue to be an important part of our daily life at SJB, and we will continue to pray throughout our school day as a community. Mass is also an important part of our life here. Mass will be attended in small groups to allow for social distancing.

RESPECT + CHARITY

This is a difficult and challenging time. We are all trying to do our best to keep our students and families healthy and safe. Please remember to treat each other and make decisions with respect and charity. Continue to pray for all of us.

putting policies into practice

A DAY IN THE LIFE AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

We have designed the policies below in accordance with recommendations from the Minnesota Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Our goal is to keep our staff and students healthy and safe.

K-5 will remain with their classroom except for Math. Most specialists will come to the classroom. Middle School will remain with their grade level cohort except for advisory time and Math.

We will use multiple entrances and exits as well as restrict movement throughout the building during the day. We will have designated routes when movement is required.

All students, staff, and visitors will wear masks going to and from school as well as during the school day. Masks will not be required during lunch, recess, gym, or various instructional times.

We are extending our drop off time to ease congestion and allow time for temperature checks. Students may be dropped off beginning at 7:20a. Pick up will be at 2:30p.

Students will wash hands and use hand sanitizers frequently. Desks, computers/iPads, and high touch areas will be disinfected throughout the day. The entire school will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected every evening.

Students will be eating in their classrooms and the cafeteria as social distancing will allow. We will be providing a limited lunch service.

Students will be attending Mass in smaller groups to allow for social distancing.

Physical exercise is important, and we will be having recess in smaller numbers. We will also structure some of the play to allow for social distancing.

We are waiting on guidance regarding after school sports and will communicate with you as soon as possible when we know more.

We will work to maintain social distancing throughout the day. Large gatherings where we cannot socially distance will be suspended or modified to accommodate social distancing.

Any transportation provided by the school district or the SJB charter bus will follow specific guidelines including wearing masks and having assigned seating.

We will be limiting guests and volunteers during this time. All will be required to wear masks and follow our guidelines.

planning for the year

KEY AREAS OF PREPAREDNESS

St. John's will be requiring the following in order to help create a safe and healthy school environment. Here are 3 key ways we are working together to achieve this goal.

1

MAINTAINING HEALTHY FACILITIES

Routine cleaning and disinfecting of classroom surfaces, restrooms, lunchrooms, meeting rooms, and drop-off and pickup locations will take place throughout the school day and at the end of the day.

2

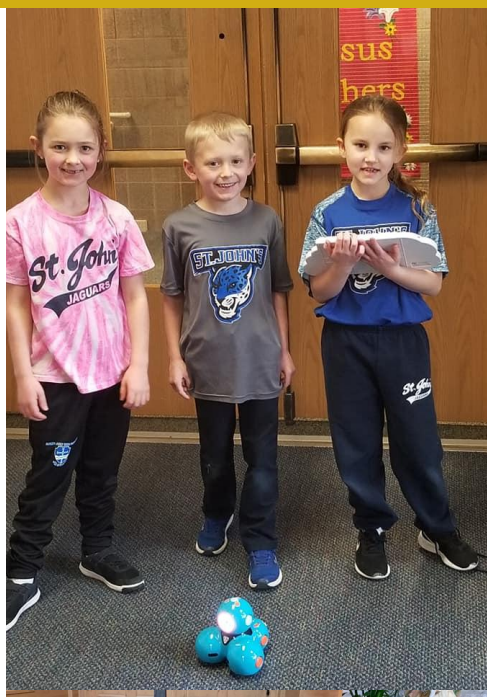
MAINTAINING HEALTHY OPERATIONS

Families, students, and employees should self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 including temperature checks through regular health checks. Additionally, students and staff will have their temperature taken daily before entering the school.

3

COMMUNICATING, TRAINING AND EDUCATING

Parents, staff, teachers and all others in the school community will be educated on health and safety procedures for shared involvement and responsibility.



ADD THESE ITEMS TO YOUR SHOPPING LIST:

THERMOMETER

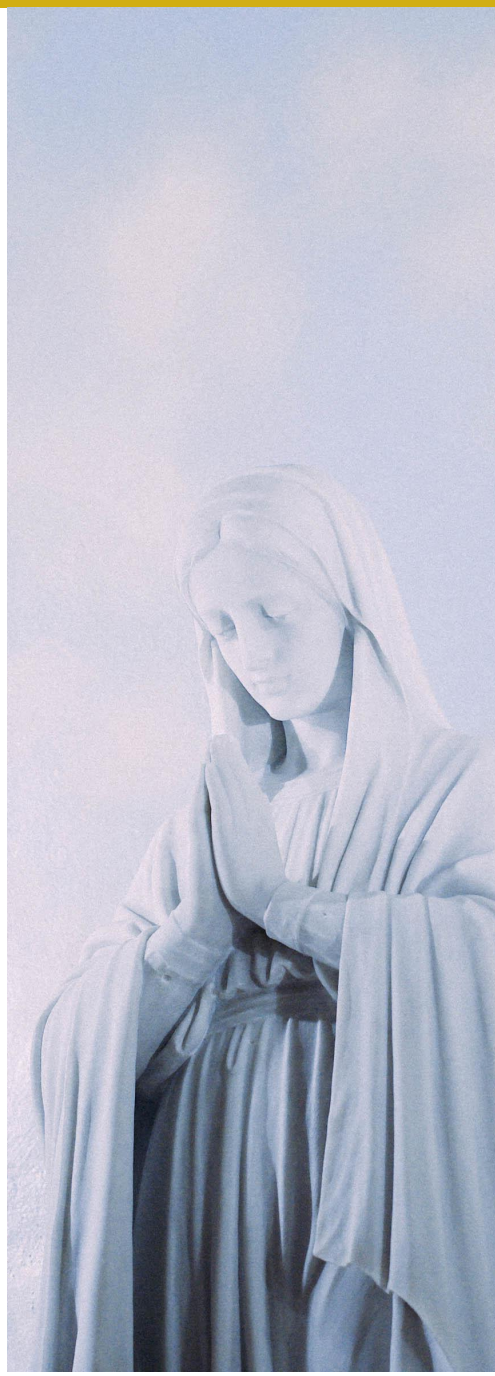
PERSONAL WATER BOTTLE

MASK OR FACE COVERING

MASK POLICY

Students, teachers, staff, and all visitors will wear masks within our building. Students may remove their masks during gym, recess, and any time they are eating or drinking. Teachers may also have students remove their masks during instructional time when it is necessary to see mouth movements, such as during phonics.

We will not be requiring a particular mask color or design. Instead, we ask that masks are appropriate for school. Masks should not contain any drug, alcohol, sexual, demonic, or political symbols or words.



FINAL NOTES

After surveying our St. John's families, we learned that over 75% of parents wanted their children to attend school this fall. With recommendations from the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, we made the decision to be open five days per week.

We are in Phase One of our plan, which will be reevaluated in mid-October. At this point, we may need to make adjustments to our current protocols and procedures. Any changes to our plan will be communicated to our community as soon as they are finalized.

We look forward to working with each of our families to ensure that we are doing our best to keep our staff and students healthy and safe.

Please visit the COVID-19 page on our website for up-to-date information. The page contains answers to common questions including student movement, symptoms to watch for, what to do if you are near someone with symptoms, moving from in-person to distance learning, and our cleaning protocols.

OUR RE-OPENING LEADERS:

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GET THE LATEST INFORMATION

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish School to educate children in all aspects of their lives to become disciples of Jesus Christ. This is done through formation in Catholic faith and values and instruction utilizing best practices. W e help children discover and live up to their full potential, developing self-respect and respect for others. We form a JOY-filled community with gratitude and a sense of Christ-like service.