

“Moving Forward With Hope”

Re-Entry School Plan

Sacred Heart Jr.-Sr. High School

July 28, 2020

Dear Sacred Heart Students, Families, Staff, and Friends:

The impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic continues to change the most fundamental aspects of how we live, including when we will start and hold school which is the purpose of this letter. We want to present to you the **“Moving Forward with Hope Plan,” to reopen Sacred Heart Jr.-Sr. High School, 5-days a week for in class instruction beginning Wednesday, August 19th.**

We will be in session from 8:00-1:30 on the 19th, 20th, and 21st and will begin full day (8:00-3:20) instruction on Monday, August 24th. An amended calendar is also included.

In person Registration is scheduled for tomorrow, Wednesday, July 29th, from 8:00-1:00 and 4:00-6:00. A drop off box is also available for completed registration packets by the chapel entrance.

Our plan for reopening school on August 19th entails “common sense” procedures that may need to be modified to meet our ever-changing learning environment. We are guided by our desire to keep our families safe, to minister to the spiritual and mental health of our community, and to provide an excellent Catholic Education. Lastly, we would like to thank our families, faculty, staff, and the school council for your contributions to the surveys which have fueled our efforts in this plan to reopen.

The following procedures will be implemented for the general safety of our students and staff, as we meet these challenges together:

Temperature Check

- Temperature checks for all students and staff as they enter the building.

Hand Washing/Sanitizing

- This is our #1 strategy for safety at all levels. In school, hands will be washed/sanitized several times a day, in particular upon entering for the day.
- Students should expect hand-washing/sanitizing procedures, routines, signage, announcements, etc.

Masking

- Masks will be required for ALL students and staff where physical distancing is not possible. This includes the hallways and most classrooms.
- Parents **MUST** provide their child with a mask and make sure they have one each day.

Physical distancing:

- Will be required once in the building. Hallways will be divided into lanes to control traffic flow.
- Large open spaces like the gym will be utilized to control congestion and can accommodate any large class-sizes if necessary.
- Modified lunch schedules, outside dining, gym space, and boxed lunches will alleviate crowded lunch lines and allow for physical distancing while we eat.

Cleaning and disinfecting:

- ALL teachers will be provided with cleaning supplies and will create their own routine system for disinfecting the high-touch spaces and surfaces in their rooms.
- In addition, our day and night maintenance staff will clean and disinfect the school on a routine weekdays/weekends schedule.

Learning Environment:

- All faculty and staff will wear masks
- Use border tape and markings to outline the classroom for physical distancing.
- Create permanent seating charts for contact tracing.
- Encourage PE classes to go outside when possible.
- Each classroom teacher will develop hybrid/remote learning plans for individual students should the need arise.

· Please remember that this plan is subject to change to meet the inevitable challenges that this time of uncertainty will bring. There's no way that we could begin to address the endless scenarios, but please know that our dedicated administration, faculty, and staff will be ready to make adjustments and modifications when necessary. Please check our website for additional information and updates. Thank you, for your time in reading this and the sacrifices you have already made for your families during this time. We are looking forward to working together as we make strides towards a return to "normal" school.

We will be sending out additional information on our reopening along with a yearlong school calendar later this week. Thank you again for your patience and understanding.

Sacred Heart Administration