



8 July 2020

Return to School Plan

Act justly. Love mercy. Walk humbly. -Micah 6:8

The above verse is our theme for the 2020-2021 school year. We hope it provides inspiration and guidance as we fulfill our mission -- to help parents fulfill their duties as primary educators of their children by welcoming our families to a safe and supportive Christ-centered environment.

It has also been a guiding statement as we develop our return to school plan in the midst of the COVID19 pandemic. We as staff have returned to it time and again as we ask the big questions: How do we keep students and staff safe? How do we provide quality instruction? How can we celebrate our faith effectively?

This COVID19 pandemic demonstrates very clearly that we have to rely on the common sense God gave us, the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and the advice of experts in the health care field. I apologize in advance that this plan does not meet everyone's expectations for the 2020-2021 school year. It is abnormal, unusual, and strange...but we also believe it is prudent, safe, and wise.

Please read the plan carefully, or you can listen to the English or Spanish video explanation provided via link. Please reach out to me with any questions and concerns. I hope to be able to meet your family's needs, even in the time of pandemic. St. Theresa, pray for us.

Sincerely in Christ,

Kristy Dunn, principal
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I. All Parents Have an Option for Distance Learning (AMI)

Any parent may request that your child learn at home as long as needed for the 2020-2021 school year. You may have concerns because your child has underlying health conditions or general concerns about contracting COVID19. Just let me (Mrs. Dunn) know. 501.258.5153

II. Daily Schedule

A. PK

1. PK students will be allowed to attend school every day (Monday-Friday) except for scheduled days off from school, according to the master calendar approved by the Superintendent's Office. Please see the school day schedule outlined below.

B. Kindergarten-8th grade

1. Students will be placed into Group A or Group B.
2. Group A attends school Mondays and Wednesdays, with AMI happening on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
3. Group B attends school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with AMI happening on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

C. Hours of Operation

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7:30-8:15 am	Parents drive in to drop off student. Student has a health screening outside the building, picks up free breakfast, and enters the school building to go straight to class.
8:15 am- 2:30 pm	These are the hours of instruction, lunch, and breaks.
2:30-3:15 pm	Parents drive in to pick up student.
3:15-5:30 pm	After school care - We can serve up to 40 students while following social distancing guidelines.

2. The front office (Veronica Vasquez) is open from 8:00 am- 4:00 pm.

III. Safety Precautions

A. Entry/Exit of the School

1. Only students and staff will be allowed into the school building past the front lobby.
2. Visitors who enter the main office doors will be kept to the front lobby of the school. Face masks must be worn by visitors.

B. Dropoff/Pickup

1. Parents will drive thru the small lot by the cafeteria to drop off and pick up students to the covered sidewalk area.
2. The health screening of students involves contactless thermometer assessment and a weekly verbal survey. Temperatures over 99.5 will be deemed a fever and the student will not be permitted to be in the school. Answers of “yes” to travel outside of the country in the last 14 days will exclude the student from entering the school.
3. In after school care, parents will approach the back door to gather their children but not enter the building.

C. Face Masks

1. Staff will wear face masks or face shields unless alone in their classroom.
2. Students in grades 4-8 will wear face masks most of the day.
3. Students in grades 1-3 will wear face masks while in common areas (bathrooms, hallways, etc).
4. Students in PK and K will have a mask provided to them but only wear it if needed in the hallways.

D. Breakfast and Lunch

1. Both breakfast and lunch will be served to-go style and eaten in the student’s classroom or outdoors if the weather allows.
2. If you send a bag lunch or breakfast for your child, please know microwaves will not be available. Please wash lunchboxes frequently.

E. Classrooms

1. Students will be assigned a specific desk or table assignment that will not change.
2. Desks and tables will be spread out to the extent possible in the classroom.
3. Student supplies will not be shared.

F. Outdoors/Gym/Other school spaces/Church

1. Students will have recess times each day, but classes will play in separate locations from each other while outdoors.
2. PE will be scheduled for each class as often as possible, allowing for sanitizing the equipment and space of the gym between classes.
3. Classes may use the library, art room, and music room with their homeroom teacher or volunteer adult, with time allowed for sanitizing the equipment and space between classes.
4. Mass scheduling (in the church or live streamed) will be in consultation with Father Mark.
5. PK and K have their own restrooms to utilize, one student at a time. 1st-8th grades will utilize hallway restrooms, limited to 2 students at a time in the restroom.
6. Water bottles must be sent to school for drinking water during the day. We hope to have water bottle refillable fountains in three locations of the school.

G. Cleaning and Environmental Protections

1. Four times a day, teachers and students will engage in a wipe-down of common surfaces in the classroom.
2. Restrooms and water fountains will be disinfected four times a day.
3. Individual classrooms have individual HVAC units, which prevents the spread of particles in the air from classroom to classroom. Teachers may use fans and open windows to bring fresh air into the classrooms.
4. Daily, the janitorial staff will disinfect restrooms, doors, and floors.
5. Student belongings may be sent home for cleaning more often than usual.
6. The school will collect the student's cloth mask at the time of pickup and disinfect for use the next day the student returns to school.

IV. In the Case of Illness

A. If a student is ill during the school day:

1. Administration will take the student to the isolation room and contact parents.
2. Parents need to be prepared to arrange for pickup in the case of illness of your child.
3. We may consult with a volunteer nurse if further questions arise.

B. If a staff member falls ill during the school day:

1. Administration will take the staff member to the isolation room and assist him/her with getting home or to medical care.
2. Mrs. Dunn or Miss Gonzalez will be prepared to step in as a substitute.
3. We may consult with a volunteer nurse if further questions arise.

C. Communicating if we have a Case of COVID19

1. If we are informed of a positive case, we will inform you, the community, to the extent we can. Unless directed to do so, we will not share specific names of those infected.
2. We will follow directives from the Arkansas Department of Health and diocesan administrators.

V. What do we mean by AMI or distance learning?

A. PK

1. If a PK student is ill or if there is a closure mandated by the state, Mrs. Haley or Miss Silvia will provide links to online learning resources. They may provide some paperwork for at-home practice. None of this would be mandatory or graded.

B. Kindergarten

1. On the days your child is learning from home, you will have a combination of activities for them to do. Mrs. Chua will use paper, videos, and other activities to create an AMI day for your child.
2. Kindergarten parents need access to internet and a phone or tablet for your child to use.
3. The AMI day will be a flexible schedule, so you and your child can work at a convenient time. However, the AMI work is due the next day your child is scheduled to return to school.

C. 1st and 2nd Grades

1. On the days your child is learning from home, Mrs. Straub, Ms. Bernadette, and Ms. Garcia will use google classroom as your main tool to identify the assignments for the day. The assignments may be a mix of paper and online.
2. Parents of 1st and 2nd graders need internet access and a phone or tablet for your child touse.
3. The AMI day will be a flexible schedule, so you and your child can work at a convenient time. However, the AMI work is due the next day your child is scheduled to return to school.

D. 3rd-5th Grades

1. On the days your child is learning from home, Ms. LeMay, Mrs. Boyette, and Mrs. French will use google classroom as your main tool to identify the assignments for the day. The assignments may be a mix of paper and online.
2. Your child will be assigned a chrome book and charger to take home. You just need wifi.
3. The AMI day will be a flexible schedule, so you and your child can work at a convenient time. However, the AMI work is due the next day your child is scheduled to return to school.

E. 6th-8th grades

1. On the days your child is learning from home, Mr. Lienhart, Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Storey will use google classroom as your main tool to identify the assignments for the day. The assignments may be a mix of paper and online.
2. Your child will be assigned a chrome book and charger to take home. You just need wifi.
3. The AMI day will be a flexible schedule, so you and your child can work at a convenient time. However, the AMI work is due the next day your child is scheduled to return to school.

VI. Communication, Communication, Communication

A. Communication is Key

1. We are true partners in educating your child.
2. We pledge to contact you weekly (Fridays) to update you on your child's progress.
3. We pledge to answer questions you have as soon as we are able.
4. Miss Gonzalez and Mrs. Dunn gladly share their cell phone numbers, but teachers will not share theirs. You may contact them through Remind, their email address, or google classroom chat.
5. Mrs. Dunn -- 501.258.5153 Miss Gonzalez -- 501.258.8751

B. Remind texts PK and K

1. If your child is in PK or K, you will sign up to receive Remind text messages by texting @stsec2020 to 81010.
2. Reply YES to accept texts from our school.
3. Mrs. Haley, Ms. Silvia and Mrs. Chua will provide instructions on how to receive texts from them at a later date.

C. Remind texts 1st, 2nd, 3rd

1. If your child is in 1st, 2nd or 3rd grade, you will sign up to receive Remind text messages by texting @stsele2020 to 81010.
2. Reply YES to accept texts from our school.
3. Mrs. Straub, Ms. Bernadette, Ms. Garcia, and Ms. LeMay will provide instructions to receive texts from them at a later date.

D. Remind texts 4th and 5th

1. If your child is in 4th or 5th grade, you will sign up to receive Remind text messages by texting @stsms2020 to 81010.
2. Reply YES to accept texts from our school.
3. Mrs. Boyette and Mrs. French will provide instructions to receive texts from them at a later date.

E. Remind texts 6th, 7th and 8th

1. If your child is in 6th, 7th or 8th, you will sign up to receive Remind text messages by texting @stsjh2020 to 81010.
2. Reply YES to accept texts from our school.
3. Mr. Lienhart, Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Storey will provide instructions to receive texts from them at a later date.

In conclusion, we remember, "Act justly. Love mercy. Walk humbly." Micah 6:8
We remember we make all these plans to keep our community as safe as possible during this pandemic. I ask for your prayers for each other, and I join my prayers with yours. May God bless us all...keep us healthy, restore health to the ill, bring peace to our world, and inspire right judgment within us.

St. Theresa, pray for us.

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