



Dear Parents,

Attached you will find our Reopening Plan Strategies for Blessed Sacrament School. In the upcoming weeks I will send more specific information to explain some procedures such as: daily drop-off and pickup, daily self-certification procedures, office procedures, etc.

Please read though the plan and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have about it. *(Feel free to email me or call me at school and I will answer your questions. I will be back in my office next week.)*

I am also planning on having a question/answer session for all parents through a "FACEBOOK LIVE" session in the first week of August to answer any more questions and give out more information. You will be hearing more about this session later next week.

**PARENT ORIENTATION MEETINGS THIS YEAR WILL BE SCHEDULED AUGUST 11,12,13 WITH CLASSROOM TEACHERS THROUGH ZOOM.**

**(Evening Meetings) A schedule for these meetings will be sent in early August.**

**SCHOOL WILL BEGIN ON AUGUST 17 WITH A HALF DAY: 8:00 - 12:00. (Full days will begin on August 18.)**

**ADDITIONAL NOTES REGARDING THE PLAN:**

*I am following all of the CDC guidelines and Illinois Department of Health guidelines in our plan. I want our teachers and students to be as safe as possible. We will be sanitizing throughout the day and handwashing often throughout the day*

We will be using a "COHORT" model for all classes and activities. Each class will be staying within their own "cohort". Classes will not mingle for lunch, recess, etc. They will each be in their own little "class bubble". We are asking the students to stay 6 feet apart at all times.

**REMOTE LEARNING OPTION:**

If you are uncomfortable sending your child to school, there will always be an option for remote learning during the day. All teachers in Grades K-8 can Zoom the lesson live, if necessary. Students would receive a schedule of instructional times from each teacher and be able to log- on and see the teacher instructing the class. We will need to know if you are choosing this option so the teacher is aware that he/she must log on for any student learning remotely.

If the State of Illinois shuts down schools or if a class is quarantined due to COVID outbreaks, we will move into Remote Learning immediately.

**MASK REQUIREMENT:**

At this time all students must supply and wear a mask to school. It must be worn entering the building, in hallways, restrooms, etc.

We are not certain yet if they can take off the mask while in the classroom. If the Illinois Department of Health allows it by August 17, we will follow their guideline. I will let you know more about this situation in August.

Teachers will try to take classes outside as much as possible for breaks and instruction so that they can take off their masks.

**LUNCH:** We will be offering hot lunch options or students may bring their lunch. Microwaves will not be available.

Lunch ordered through our cafeteria will be delivered in containers to the classroom. All classes will eat lunch in the classroom supervised by the teacher. We will educate all students and teachers concerning any food allergies in their classroom and procedures that need to be followed for those individual classrooms.

**MASS:** We will livestream Mass with Father Matt every Friday to our students. Father Matt will bring Holy Communion to the classrooms after Mass.

I feel it is very important that we keep our Catholic Identity in our curriculum throughout this pandemic year. We will have prayers and prayer services also in the classrooms.

*We are excited to have your children back at school this Fall! I am trying to focus on what we can do, rather than what we cannot do! We want this experience to be a positive one for all of our students!*

*As I lead this school this year, I will do my best to make it a positive year for all as I pray:*

*"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,  
the courage to change the things I can,  
and the wisdom to know the difference."*

**BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN – AUGUST 2020**

The Administration and Staff of Blessed Sacrament are dedicated to having a safe plan for the reopening of our school during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Below are the highlights of this plan:

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY STRATEGIES**

#### **MAINTAINING HYGIENE STANDARDS THROUGHOUT THE DAY:**

- \*Desks sanitized every two hours or after activity at desk
- \*Bathrooms sanitized throughout the day (Custodial responsibility)
- \*Students do not share desks, tables, chairs, etc.
- \*Circulation fans in classrooms running at all times
- \*Drinking fountains only available for automatic bottle filler
- \*All staff and students have temperature taken/ health certification upon entry to building

#### **PROCEDURE FOR STAFF/STUDENTS WHO BECOME ILL:**

- \*Staff sent home immediately
- \*Students sent home immediately. Isolated in sick room or overflow room (library) or outside on provided benches near office until picked up. (Supervised by principal or designated staff until picked up)

#### **PHYSICAL DISTANCING PROCEDURES:**

\*Students will sit at desks 6 feet apart in classrooms. Classrooms with higher numbers will be divided into two groups. Teacher will teach both groups either through Zoom (with Ipad) or in person. Staff will supervise group not with the teacher. Students will have own desk in each room. (No sharing desks)

Grades 3,5,7,8 will be divided into the following spaces (since they have over 15 students):

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Classroom and Resource Room next door

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Classroom and Computer Room across hall (no one else will use Computer Room)

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades: Classroom and Gym

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\*Departmental Teachers will move to the classrooms. Students will not change classrooms for different teachers.

\*Social distancing will be required in hallways with only one class in hallway at a time.

**ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE PROCEDEURES:**

- \*Students will have assigned entrance doors and dismissal doors.
- \*Masks required upon entry to building. (Staff, students, parents)
- \*Temperatures taken upon entry to building.
- \*Health Certification completed on Heath App each morning
- \*Students go directly to assigned classroom upon entry. (Between 7:30 – 8:00)
- \*Dismissal will be staggered so not all exiting at once.
- \*Hallways are marked with arrows and spacing ( one-way paths)

**HANDWASHING/DISTANCING IN RESTROOMS:**

- \*Students will wash hands often throughout the day (teachers will set aside times)
- \*Bathrooms will be sanitized throughout the day
- \*Only three students allowed in bathroom at a time.
- \*Floors will be marked for social distancing
- \*Masks must be worn at all times in bathrooms and hallways.

**PHYSICAL DISTANCING ON PLAYGROUND, CAFETERIA, LIBRARY, GENERAL AREAS:**

PLAYGROUND: Playground will be divided into sections. (Classes rotate sections each week) Each class will be assigned a section. Classes must stay in their section. Playground supervisors will supervise social distancing.

CAFETERIA: Cafeteria will only be used for special classes when needed and not be used for lunch. (Lunch will be served in classrooms.)

GYMNASIUM: Gym will not be used for PE or any other activity. It will be utilized as classroom space only for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. (NO ASSEMBLIES ALLOWED)

MASS: Mass will be livestreamed to classrooms every Friday. (No class attending in person.) Father Matt will bring Communion to classrooms after Mass.

LIBRARY: Library will not be used for checking out books. Librarians can check out book for student and bring to classroom, if requested.

**SIGNAGE THROUGHOUT BUILDING:**

\*Illinois Department of Health Certified signage (regarding pandemic procedures, social distancing rules, direction arrows, etc.) will be displayed throughout the building

**UTILIZATION OF SPACE FOR SPECIAL CLASSES/ACTIVITIES:**

\*Class “cohort” system used at all times. No classes will mingle with another class.

\*Classes such as Music and Art will be taught in each classroom. (4 large classes will utilize cafeteria for Music and Art and be sanitized after each use. – Grades 3,5,7,8)

\*PE will be taught outside during favorable weather and a Health class taught in classroom during inclement weather.

**LOCATION OF “SICK-BAY” AND ISOLATION:**

\*A separate room has been set up near School office (former Athletic Office) to isolate sick child until picked up by parents.

\*Benches outside will also be utilized for this purpose. (in favorable weather)

\*Library will also be used, if needed

**REMOTE LEARNING PLAN FOR SICK OR QUARANTINED STUDENTS:**

If student is quarantined due to a family member having COVID,etc, student can log on to classes each day through Zoom. Teacher will be teaching live for those students who are learning remotely at home.

**VISITORS, GUEST SPEAKERS, VOLUNTEERS IN SCHOOL:**

Visitors and guest speakers will not be allowed in school. We will utilize remote speakers for these purposes.

Volunteers will only be allowed on a very limited basis and must be trained in COVID procedures and have Principal’s authorization.

**DEPARTMENTAL CLASSES:**

All classes will remain in classroom for instruction. Departmental teachers will move to classroom to teach in order to minimize students in hallways.

**LUNCH PROCEDURES:**

- \*Students will eat lunch in classrooms. Lunch will be delivered each day by cafeteria and custodial staff.
- \*Teachers will supervise students during lunch. Students will be dismissed to playground at assigned, staggered times.

**RECESS PROCEDURES:**

- \*Playground will be divided into five sections. Classes will stay in assigned section. (Sections rotated each week.)
- \*Each class will have designated playground equipment which only that class will use. Equipment is sanitized after each recess.
- \*Indoor Recess: Classes stay in assigned classroom and do activities at desk.

**AFTER – CARE PROCEDURES:**

- \*Students will stay in own classroom for After-Care. (PK students assigned to Teacher Lounge after teacher leaves.)
- \*After-Care Director will walk around hallway to supervise students. Students can bring own toys/devices to stay occupied during this time.
- \*Parents will call when outside for pick-up. Supervisor will escort student to exit (side door of school by church)

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

\*Parents must keep children home if they are feeling sick, coughing, runny nose, etc. (WE HAVE ELIMINATED PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS DUE TO COVID-19)

\*REMOTE LEARNING OPTION: Remote Learning will be allowed for anyone feeling unsafe or having issues at home (Sick or health compromised family members, etc. )

We would need to be given ample notice so that the teacher is aware they need to zoom

Teachers would need to know if you are requesting this option. They will not be zooming classes if they do not have a child doing remote learning.

**\*Please inform School Principal if selecting Remote Learning option for your child.**

