



Dear SCLS families,

The summer will soon be coming to a close and together we will be starting a school year that none of us could have ever expected. While we can not control or prevent everything that happens and we can make every effort to maximize the health, safety, and well being of our students. With the power of prayer, positivity, and patience, I believe we can maintain a sense of community joy, and success this school year.

I have been working with the Diocesan reopening task force as well as the SCLS reopening committee to develop our SCLS reopening plan. While the plan outline has been completed, there are still some expectations that are changing daily. Due to these recent changes, I am waiting to send out the completed document. While we wait to send out the completed document, I wanted to share some of the highlights and implementations that you can expect as we begin in August.

Implementations:

- All teachers have been outfitted with computers that have a camera and microphone to assist with distance learning.
- All water fountains are being replaced with refillable water bottle stations
- Disinfecting sprayers have been purchased to help disinfect and sanitize classrooms
- All teachers are being provided face shields
- All students will be provided with a hand sanitizer bottle
- We have purchased extra garbage cans, vacuum cleaners, and hot boxes to assist with lunch in the classrooms.
- Kindergarten classrooms have been fitted with desks rather than their tables.

Policies:

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL POLICIES ARE SET TO MINIMIZE ANY CROSS CONTAMINATION OF STUDENTS/FACULTY/STAFF AND RESOURCES.

- All students, faculty, and staff will be required to wear a face mask/face shield when entering and exiting the school building as well as when in the hallways (to go to the bathroom, office, resource, etc.)
- Face masks/face shields will also be required if students/faculty/staff are not maintaining a 6 ft distance.
- Each homeroom will be its own cohort and remain self contained within that cohort. Students will not be moving in the building but rather the teachers will move classrooms when needed.

- Classes will be encouraged to have class outside as well as utilize the outside spaces for recess when available. (This again will be conducted within the cohort)
- Lunch will be held in the classrooms
- Parents will have the option of distance learning or in person learning
- At this time Distance learning will include elements of streaming classes to those at home, video lessons as well as email communications.
- Parents will be responsible for self monitoring and reporting to the school the student temperature and symptoms prior to getting on the bus or coming to school.
- Any student, teacher, or staff member that has a temperature of 100.4 or higher will not be permitted to school.

I understand that quarantining is a question that many have. That is one policy that we are awaiting final approval so that we can provide you accurate information. I can say that one of the purposes to the cohort aside from minimizing cross contamination is that in the event of quarantining, it may be possible to quarantine a cohort rather than the entire school.

The full plan that we hope to have out to you soon will have these highlights as well as more details as to how we plan to conduct this school year. We understand that this will be an adjustment to everyone. We ask that you please talk with your children now about some of these expectations. While we understand that some of their expectations at home and in their community have less restrictions, they will need to follow the plan set in place for the safety and wellbeing of our school community. In order for our school to open and to remain open, it will be imperative that we follow these policies and expectations.

Again, I can not stress how important it will be for all of us as a school community to stay positive, patient, and supportive of what we are all having to go through in a time like this. We can all do this working together.

***“Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”Francis of Assisi***

Take care, God Bless, and enjoy the rest of the summer!

Peace,

Jodi Reagan