

BACK TO SCHOOL PLAN

COVID-19 Information

Dear Families,

St. Joseph Catholic STEM School remains committed to providing our students and families with an educational experience of excellence grounded in our Catholic faith. As we prepare for the beginning of the school year, our re-opening plan will be implemented to create the safest environment for our students.

The information in this document provides you with a detailed explanation of how the new school year will look. Please read this carefully and talk about it with your child(ren).

It is vital that everyone continues to act prudently and make wise decisions to keep all of us healthy. Every day, we need you to complete a health screening before school. If your child shows any symptoms of COVID-19, you must keep them home. Find more information about health screenings at <https://school.stjosephwaconia.org/documents/daily-covid-19-health-screening-information/>.

Thank you for entrusting your children to St. Joseph Catholic STEM School! We are committed to the highest standards of education, to our Catholic identity, and to ensuring a healthy and safe learning environment for your children.

Sincerely,

Principal Bruce Richards

Our Current Status : Phase 3

August 28, 2020

Phase 1 : Distance Learning
(Fully Online | March 2020 - May 2020)

Phase 2 : Summer Saints Learning
(Partially Opened for Summer Cohorts | Summer 2020)

Phase 3 : In-person, In-school Learning with Significant Restrictions
(In-person, In-school with Option of Online | Autumn 2020)

Phase 4 : In-person, In-school Learning with Fewer Restrictions

Phase 5 : Normal In-person, In-school Learning with No Restrictions

PHASE 2-4: OUR COMMITMENT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY

St. Joseph School is dedicated to the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff through routine cleaning and screenings. When we are back in school, teachers will remind students not to touch their face, to demonstrate proper handwashing techniques, and to practice social distancing.



Daily Screening

At the start of the day, all students will be screened for fever upon entry to the school building. Another temperature screening will take place at lunch time.



Hand Washing

Elementary School teachers (K-3) will ensure all students wash their hands 4-5 times a day with proper technique. Intermediate (4-5) and Middle School (6-8) teachers will remind students of proper hand washing.



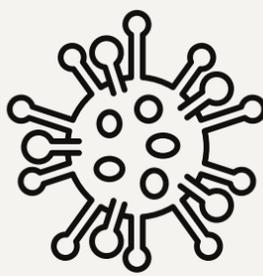
Respiratory Etiquette

Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, dispose of tissue, and wash hands immediately afterward.



Sanitation

St. Joseph School has established a schedule for routine cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces and shared equipment throughout the day. The maintenance program complies with the best accepted practices.



Students with Symptoms

Any person with COVID-19 related symptoms or who has tested positive for the virus will be required to follow quarantine procedures.

If a student presents symptoms while at school, they will wait in a designated room as their parents are notified. Pick them up as soon as you can and follow quarantine procedures.

OUR FAMILIES' COMMITMENT

It is extremely important for our parents to participate responsibly in keeping our community healthy by conducting daily health screening for each student every morning before school. If your child is sick or displaying COVID-19 symptoms, they must stay home. We also ask that students and parents respect the diversity of opinions of everyone within our community by following school guidelines.



PHASE 2-4: LIFE ON CAMPUS

We will be on campus 5 days a week for Phase 3 : In-Person, In-School Learning. A Distance Learning platform will be available for students unable to attend due to various vulnerabilities, illness, symptoms, in self-quarantine, or for those who choose to do Distance Learning.



Buses

Buses will be running starting on September 8th. Plan to pick up and drop off your child during the first week of school.



Arrival & Departure

Grades K-3 students will be dropped off and picked up on Second Street and enter through the main entrance (Door #4). Grade 4-8 students will be dropped off on Pine Street and enter through the parking lot entrance (Door #1).

*All students will be picked up on Second Street (Door #4) at the end of the school day



Classroom Arrangement

Classrooms will be arranged to ensure as much social distancing as possible.



Lunch

K-8 students will be allowed to purchase hot or cold lunch at school and will be eating in the lunch room with their classroom pod. Students may bring their own lunch from home.



Mass

School mass will be determined on a weekly basis. Proper social distancing will be implemented.



Sports & Activities

Sporting events will follow the guidance of the MSHSL and MDH.



Movement on Campus

Students will remain in their classrooms whenever possible. Teachers will travel to classrooms for instruction (thus creating limited movement through the school during the school day).

PHASE 2-4 : VISITING GUIDELINES

Necessary visitors (e.g. parent pick ups, vendors, etc.) following a required screening will be allowed to enter with a face covering. We ask parents to drop off their children at the door and respect our health and safety protocols.



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Masks

Masks / face shields are required for everyone.

Masks may be removed during recess, gym class, and lunch.



Outside Classes

Teachers plan to hold occasional classes outside during autumn (weather permitting). Please have your child pack a jacket as the weather gets colder.



Bathroom Policy

Bathroom breaks will be directed by teachers as needed. Students are expected to keep their masks on, maintain social distancing, and use the facilities quickly.



Distance Learning

Students who have opted for the distancing learning platform, are quarantined, or tested positive for COVID-19 are expected to watch class everyday as they are able.

Teachers will be livestreaming classes to the school YouTube page.



COVID-19 Point of Contact Information

St. Joseph School's Designated Point of Contact for responding to COVID-19 concerns is Marissa Clark, School Nurse. If the nurse is unavailable, Principal Bruce Richards and the Administrative Assistant will serve in this capacity.

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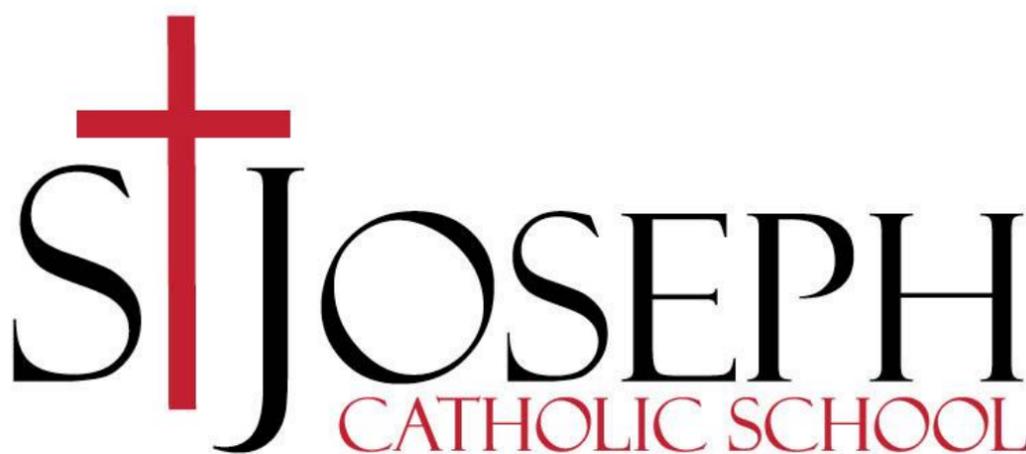
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As the situation develops and changes, we ask that you be patient and respectful to all members of our community.

Please Note: This plan is fluid and subject to change.

For updated information, please visit <https://school.stjosephwaconia.org/covid-19-preparedness/>.

August 28, 2020