



Welcome to St. Mary School!



The well being of our students and staff are our top priority, so here are some highlights of our back-to-school-plan:

Student Personal Belongings:

- Students may only bring their lunch, a water bottle, a clean face mask and required outerwear in their backpack to and from school. Please ensure student items are labeled, including shoes!
- Water bottles should be filled before students arrive at school- accommodations will be made for refilling them.
- Sharing of materials and food is not allowed

Enhanced Cleaning:

- Caretakers will clean high touch surfaces more frequently.
- Bathrooms will be cleaned more frequently

Masks and Enhanced Personal Hygiene:

- All students are required to wear a mask while riding the school bus
- Students in grades 4 to 7 are required to wear a mask upon entry to school as well as in classrooms, hallways and if physical distancing cannot be maintained; staff will ensure students have mask breaks throughout the day
- Parents of students in grades K-3 may choose to have their child wear a mask at school; staff will support this choice
- All staff are required to wear a mask where physical distancing is not possible
- Used masks must go home daily and staff and students must wear a clean mask daily
- Any parents and visitors who enter the school will be required to wear a mask
- Staff will ensure that student hands are washed or sanitized upon entry into the school and throughout the school day
- Parents are asked to send unscented hand sanitizer with their child; staff will manage the distribution of hand sanitizer to students
- PPE use and etiquette for sneezing, coughing , etc will be taught, modelled and practiced

Programming, Activities and Recesses:

- Extra curricular activities are suspended until further notice
- Milk and snack sales will be postponed until further notice
- Breakfast and Lunch programs will continue following safety protocols
- Physical Education classes will take place outdoors weather permitting; emphasis will be on movement and fitness rather than traditional sports to minimize contact
- Hand-held equipment will not be shared between students outside or in the classroom
- Recesses are staggered to reduce the amount of students using the hallways
- Students will remain in consistent cohorts as often as possible
- Playground areas are cohort specific that follow a schedule
- Enhanced staff supervision throughout the school day to monitor procedures
- Programming for intensive needs students provided by through the students IIP Plan

Illness and Care:

- Students and staff who are sick are not to attend school
- Please notify the office if your child will be absent
- Parents will be contacted for students who are showing signs of any illness
- A student displaying symptoms of COVID will wait outside or in the designated isolation room with a staff member until parent arrival
- Please follow up with the LOCCS guidelines for any suspected COVID case
- Where appropriate mental health/socio/emotional supports will be provided

Parents and Visitors:

- We are restricting parent and visitor access to the school
- Please ring the school doorbell at the front doors and wait for a staff member to greet you at the door
- Student-forgotten items can be dropped off with a staff member at the front doors
- We ask that parents please follow physical distancing while on the school grounds as well as in the school

Arrival, Dismissal and Student Movement:

- Parents are encouraged to bring their children to and from school.
- Please follow physical distancing
- Students will find designated classroom cohort/playground areas when arriving to school and line up according to entry procedures; arrival and line up procedures will be practiced with classroom teachers
- Multiple doors will be used for entry and exit by classrooms to allow physical distancing between cohorts and to avoid overcrowding; classroom teachers will accompany student cohorts to and from exits
- Arrows are placed throughout the school to direct traffic
- Bathroom routines are established by classroom teachers to ensure bathroom capacity limits
- Bus students will be called down one bus at a time and loaded before the end of the day. Parents can pick up their children by coming to the front door and a staff member will bring your child from their class cohort group in the gym

***If you have any questions/concerns
comments call the school at
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