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St. Catharine School



2020-2021 Return to Full-Day In-Person Learning

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Task Force Meeting Dates

Thursday, June 18th

Thursday, July 2nd

Thursday, July 16th

Thursday, August 6th

Thursday, August 20th

Thursday, February 25th



St. Catharine School Return to Full-Time, In-Person Learning

St. Catharine School will be making the shift to full-day, in-person learning starting on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. There were several key factors that lead to the consensus of the task force in making this decision.

The St. Catharine School Task Force made the decision based on Franklin County Public Health’s updated COVID-19 safety recommendations for schools. Modified quarantine guidelines were published on February 21st. These protocols were reviewed in a meeting with Diocesan school principals on Tuesday, February 23rd and have the approval of Superintendent Adam Dufault, the Office of Catholic Schools, Father Dury, and Bishop Brennan.

The St. Catharine School Task Force met on Thursday, February 25th, immediately after Franklin County Public Health updated their Social Distancing Guidelines for K-12 Schools.

This new guidance allows school to alter the configuration within a classroom that will permit full attendance of students in the classroom. As it has happened this year, sneeze guards on desks and full-time mask wearing will continue to be used in all classrooms.

Current safety protocols will be followed using a minimum 3 foot social distancing guidance (6ft when possible) while new safety protocols will be implemented and enforced in light of more students in the building and the additions of lunch and recess. Safety will continue to be our top priority and we are confident we will be able to maintain safety protocols at school.

The following information will summarize the timeline of the decision and the subsequent timeline of transitioning to the new learning model.

Proposed Timeline

Based on the Task Force and Principals’ Meeting, below is the proposed timeline. The first scheduled day of Full-time, In-Person Learning would be Tuesday, April 6th. Here is how we would prepare.

Week of March 15th – March 19th (Spring Break)

Physical preparation of the buildings begin.

Week of March 22nd – March 26th

Hybrid Learning Continues. Last Week of the 3rd Quarter

Monday, March 22nd	Tuesday, March 23rd	Wednesday, March 24th	Thursday, March 25th	Friday, March 26th
<i>Remote Learning Day for all Grades</i>	Hybrid Learning Day AM/ PM Cohorts	Hybrid Learning Day AM/ PM Cohorts	Hybrid Learning Day AM/ PM Cohorts	Hybrid Learning Day AM/ PM Cohorts <i>End of 3rd Quarter</i>



Week of March 29th - Holy Week

Hybrid Learning Continues. 4th Quarter Begins.

Monday, March 29th	Tuesday, March 30th	Wednesday, March 31st	Thursday, April 1st	Friday, April 2nd
Remote Learning Day for all Grades <i>4th Quarter Begins</i>	Hybrid Learning Day AM/ PM Cohorts	Hybrid Learning Day AM/ PM Cohorts	No School Holy Thursday	No School Good Friday

Week of April 5th – April 9th

Full-Day, In-Person Learning Begins

Monday, April 5th	Tuesday, April 6th	Wednesday, April 7th	Thursday, April 8th	Friday, April 9th
No School Easter Monday	First Day of Full-Day, In-Person Learning	Full-Day In-Person Learning	Full-Day In-Person Learning	Full-Day In-Person Learning 3 rd Qtr. Report Cards

Arrival and Dismissal

Arrival and Dismissal procedures will stay the same, although the times will change for each.

Arrival for all students will begin at 7:45 AM and all students should be in their classrooms for the start of the school day no later than **8:00 AM**.

Dismissal for all students will begin at **2:45 PM**

Change in Mask Guidance

Facial Coverings will be worn at all times on school property. Parents will ensure that masks fit their children properly and completely cover the mouth and nose at all times. We will be communicating closely with parents to ensure that masks fit properly.

Double masking is not required but is encouraged when possible. Students will no longer be permitted to wear Head Gaiter or bandana type masks beginning April 6th. Parents are encouraged to provide multi-ply (preferably, triple-ply) woven masks that fit properly. Students who have trouble keeping their masks up above their nose will need to replace those masks for the safety of classmates.

There are only two situations where a student will remove his/ her mask for an extended period of time.

Lunch

Students will be permitted to remove their masks while eating lunch. Students will be socially distanced at a minimum of 6 feet. Masks will be worn at all times while entering and exiting their designated lunch area.

Designated Discretionary Mask Breaks

Teachers will try to schedule mask breaks for students under two important conditions:

- 1.) The Mask break is outside
- 2.) Students are positioned at least 6 feet apart and stationary for the entirety of the break



Social Distancing

A minimum of 3 feet social distancing will be followed at all times in the school building. During lunch, students will maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet. The only other exceptions to this rule would be during physical education class and recess, in which students may be closer to 3 feet for a minimal amount of time.

Classroom seating will be set-up with a minimum of 3 feet between students with seating facing the same direction and/ or clear, plastic sneeze guards added whenever possible.

Lunch & Recess

Lunch and recess are both aspects of the school day not previously present before the month of April. Safety protocols will be a major emphasis and proper safety procedures will be strictly enforced for the health of all students.

Recess

We will be dependent on parent volunteers to assist staff in monitoring indoor and outdoor recess periods for all grades. It will be critical that parent volunteers maintain accountability and enforce all safety guidelines during recess. Masks will be worn for the entirety of indoor and outdoor recess periods. Students must wash and sanitize their hands before eating lunch. An extra 5-minutes have been added to the lunch/ recess schedule to accommodate for this. Each grade will have a designated indoor and outdoor recess area. Those areas will rotate daily for the remainder of the year.

Lunch

Three separate lunches will be scheduled and students will be eating lunch in the cafeteria and parish center. The parish center doors will be secured for safety purposes. Two of the three grades will eat in the parish center spread throughout the facility. The remaining grade will be spread out in the cafeteria.

Students will only be permitted to sit with other students in their grade. We will maintain USDA Free Lunch Program and lunches will continue to be distributed in to-go boxes to minimize contact. Any lunches brought from home must be in a disposable bag and containers.

Recess/ Lunch Schedule

SCS	K, 1st, & 2nd Grades	3rd, 4th, & 5th Grades	6th, 7th, & 8th Grades
11:00 – 11:20	Recess	Class	Class
11:25 – 11:45	Lunch	Recess	Class
11:50 – 12:10	Class	Lunch	Recess
12:15 – 12:35	Class	Class	Lunch

Recess/ Lunch Locations

Recess locations will be rotated daily while lunch locations will stay the same for the remainder of the year.

SCS	Indoor Recess Location Rotation	Outdoor Recess Location Rotation	Lunch Location
K	Half of Gym Floor/ Bleachers	Playground	Cafeteria
1st	Half of Gym Floor	Blacktop	Parish Hall – St. Paul Side
2nd	Bleachers	Field/ Blacktop	Parish Hall – St. Peter Side



3rd	Gym Floor	Playground	Cafeteria
4th	Bleachers (or in room)	Blacktop	Parish Hall – St. Paul Side
5th	Bleachers (or in room)	Field/ Blacktop	Parish Hall – St. Peter Side
6th	Gym Floor	Playground	Cafeteria
7th	Bleachers (or in room)	Blacktop	Parish Hall – St. Paul Side
8th	Bleachers (or in room)	Field/ Blacktop	Parish Hall – St. Peter Side

At-Home Option for Lunch and Recess

The addition of recess and lunch during the school day presents some additional safety concerns we are prepared to handle. However, some families may still feel uncomfortable with their children participating in recess and eating lunch at school. We have decided to temporarily offer the option of allowing parents to pick their children up for recess and lunch.

Procedures

- ✓ Parents must commit to an At-Home Lunch and Recess option for the month of April, May or both.
- ✓ Parents will need to fill out the [Request for Off-Campus Recess & Lunch Period Form](#) by Wednesday, March 31st for the month of April and Wednesday, April 28th for the month of May.
- ✓ Parents will need to designate if that student is walking home or if they will be getting picked up in front of the school. All students will return to school using the front entrance.
- ✓ Students will NOT be permitted to travel to another student’s house to eat lunch, even with parent permission.
- ✓ Students must be picked up and returned by the designated time.
- ✓ Parents with multiple siblings with different recess and lunch times must pick-up and drop-off those students separately at their assigned times and those times may overlap.

Off Campus Lunch Pick-Up Times

Grade	Student must be picked up by...	Student must return by...
K-1-2	11:00	11:45
3-4-5	11:25	12:10
6-7-8	11:50	12:35

Latchkey

Latchkey will begin in the updated format on Tuesday, April 6th. There will no longer be a mid-day options for obvious reasons. Latchkey procedures and cleaning protocols will stay the same.

All students will need to wear a mask and will be socially distanced at a minimum of 3 feet (6 feet when eating snacks) for the duration of latchkey. Items will not be shared and the latchkey area (cafeteria) will be cleaned and sanitized after the morning and afternoon sessions.

Morning Latchkey 7:00-7:45 AM
 \$7 per student, per day
 Afternoon Latchkey 2:45-5:30 PM
 \$15 per student, per day

If you are interested in utilizing the Latchkey Program in April, please fill out this form help up plan ahead



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[Latchkey Interest Form](#)

School Mass

School Mass will continue to be closed to family members for the remainder of the year. As we increase the number of students attending Mass while still maintaining social distancing, it is not possible to allow visitors at this time.

Visitors, Parent-Teacher Conferences, and other Meetings

In an effort to eliminate visitors in the school building, any Parent meetings with teachers, tutors, or staff will be held via Zoom. If this is not possible, meetings will be held in the School Conference room. Parents will enter through the doors in the Monsignor Sorohan Parish center.

[Submit Questions about our transition to Full-Time In-Person Learning Here](#)

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. - Isaiah 43:2