



Saint Scholastica School
Reopening Plan
2020 - 2021

Welcome Back!



“As Bishop Pates indicated in his June 16 message, he desires to re-open the schools for face-face learning in the fall. Our bishop has challenged us to ensure our efforts are based on SAFETY and ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE in the context of CATHOLIC IDENTITY. To this end, we cannot fulfill our charge without providing the safest environment possible for our teachers, students, administrative personnel and other employees.”

Dr. Michel J. Boyle, Superintendent, Letter to Families July 21, 2020

It is important to note that these requirements are subject to change pursuant to updated public health guidance and change in public health conditions.

Thank you to all members of our reopening team!

- Father Norbert, Pastor
- Lianda Valentine, Business Manager
- Miss Driscoll, Principal
- Faculty and Staff of Saint Scholastica School, Woodridge
- Saint Scholastica School Board Members

Purpose of the Plan

School may look different this fall than what our families are accustomed to, but our focus remains the same: every student receives a high-quality Catholic education.

Saint Scholastica School's goal is to return to in-person instruction, and we will prioritize the health and safety of students, staff, and their families first and foremost.

We will be providing in-person education this fall following the decision of the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Joliet and using guidance from his Reopening Task Force for what the fall will look like.

We Missed You!

Let's get ready to learn, play, and pray together!

Health and Safety

Action Plans and Procedures

All individuals in school buildings will be directed to wear face coverings at all times, even when social distancing is maintained. Face coverings do not need to be worn outside if social distance is maintained. Students who are not able to wear a face covering throughout the day will need to wear a face shield for breaks as directed by a physician's document.

Health and Safety

Temperature Monitoring:

Students undergo temperature monitoring each day. Students temperatures will be taken as students exit the vehicle. Documentation is maintained in the school office as directed.

Students must demonstrate a temperature below 100.4°F and be free from fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestions, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. A temperature of 100.4°F will require the student/staff to return home and self-isolate and follow CDC guidelines for discontinuation of isolation. Families will self-certify daily.

The building is clean and ready!

Classroom windows will be open when possible and classroom fans on for maximum ventilation and air movement.

Students will refill water bottles instead of using drinking fountains.

Staff will periodically clean bathrooms and other high touch surfaces throughout the day. The cleaning crew will clean nightly.

We love to see your smiling faces!

Families may come to the school entry to drop off and pick up students and/or belongings in lieu of entering the building.

Outside visitors are highly discouraged. If entry is required, a record will be kept including contact information, reason for visit, and all locations visited in the building.

When do we get to go to Mass?

Father Norbert can't wait to see you!

Students will attend Mass in homerooms.

Students attending weekly Mass may go in smaller class groups in order to follow health and safety guidelines.

Student led Mass will not resume right away.

Let's navigate the building:

Hallways:

There will be a limited number of people in the hallways at any given time to the extent possible.

In hallways, students will wear masks and walk on the right hand side, single file. Floors will be marked with stop points to limit interactions.

Students will go directly to class upon arrival. Teachers will call students to unpack in a staggered manner.

Content area teachers and specials teachers may move between homerooms.

Classrooms:

Student desks will be spread apart, all facing the same direction, as close to six feet apart as possible due to physical building constraints.

Students are restricted/discouraged from borrowing any items.

Library books will be delivered to classrooms.

Let's navigate the rest of the building:

Restrooms:

Schedules will be used for restroom breaks.

Hall to restroom doors will remain open to provide touchless entry and exit.

Student count in restrooms will be reduced.

After washing hands in the restroom, students will also use hand sanitizer upon re-entering the classroom

Office:

Teachers will be provided basic first aid kits including individually wrapped antibacterial wipes, band aids, gloves, and plastic baggies to be used for single use ice packs.

Students visiting the office will use hand sanitizer. Office personnel will use hand sanitizer between each encounter. All office visitors will social distance as much as possible.

Physical Education

Let's get moving!

Students will come to school in Scholastica PE clothing on PE days.

Students will not change in the locker room.

PE will be outside whenever possible.

In cooler weather, students may wear non PE sweatshirts, hoodies, hats, and gloves for outdoor PE.

I'm Hungry!

Students may continue to have morning snack in their classrooms.

Lunch will also be eaten in classrooms.

We are working to continue providing hot lunch.

Students who stay for extended day may bring a snack from home or choose a prepackaged snack from the bin.

What if someone is not feeling well?

Any individual within the school who shows symptoms will be separated from the rest of the school population and sent home.

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**Students with symptoms
must be picked up within
45 minutes of parent
contact.**

Families will have a designated
person on file who can quickly
pick up a symptomatic student.

Communication along the way...

The school will communicate with families and staff that an individual who tests positive for COVID-19 or who shows any signs or symptoms of illness should stay home. Families should also report possible and positive cases to the school to initiate contact tracing.

When absences are reported we will request specific symptom reporting along with COVID-19 diagnoses and exposures. Information will be documented and shared with appropriate personnel and the local health department.

School community members who are sick stay home until they have met the criteria to return. Return requires anyone returning from any illness related to COVID-19 check in with the school administrator following quarantine.

We're keeping it clean!

Health and safety posters will be installed in all faculty and student areas and used to educate all who enter the building.

Any areas of the school used by a sick person will be closed off and not used until after cleaning and disinfecting have been completed. The school will wait as long as possible, up to twenty-four hours, before cleaning and disinfecting all areas used by the person who is sick. The area will be opened for use once it has been disinfected.

Individuals who had contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 or is suspected of having COVID-19 should isolate at home and monitor for symptoms for fourteen days.

End of day routines: time to go home!

Families will be assigned a parking space in the upper lot.

Students will be dismissed one or two classes at a time. At 2:30pm, the parking lot closes so children going to carpool may exit the building and go directly to their vehicles. At 2:45 pm, the parking lot will open to allow vehicles to exit.

Late arriving cars will need to wait for the parking lot to clear to enter the pick up area.

End of day routines: Extended Day

Students staying after school for extended day use hand sanitizer when they enter the room.

The number of students who stay for extended day may be limited to follow health and safety guidelines.

Students play outside whenever possible.

Scheduling fun?

As needed by health and safety guidelines, students may attend every other day, be divided into smaller academic groups, or be given other alternate academic environment considerations.

Alternate support between school and home, including remote learning, will be provided as needed for students who cannot attend.

In order for our faculty to have time to prepare, families need to choose remote learning as their choice for the first term no later than August 10th, 2020. Email Miss Driscoll to opt in.

Remote Learning

If the school must be closed due to the number of cases in the state or in our school, we may need to return to remote learning.

The Remote Learning Plan will then be in place.

Students will be allowed to bring home their Chromebooks.

Teachers will send necessary materials home or arrange for pick up.

Google Classroom (grades 3 to 8) or Seesaw (kindergarten to grade 2) will be used to minimize printing of assignments.

Social emotional support:

Teachers may create scripted story and/or role playing experiences around social distancing as well as lessons on hand washing and proper health etiquette.

Teachers may offer more opportunities for individual play such as drawing, coloring, crafts, puzzles, and other materials.

Supporting social emotional needs may include promoting empathy through conversations about other people's feeling and perspectives.

Faculty and the school social worker may share books that help support children when they are feeling anxious or sad.

Final Thoughts...

Again, the health and safety of our students and staff is our highest priority.

We will need an abundance of patience, collaboration and flexibility on the part of our staff, teachers and parents to make this a success for our students.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone again soon!