



St. Pius X Classical Academy  
Reopening Plan

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# ST. PIUS X CLASSICAL ACADEMY REOPENING PLAN

Great News! St. Pius X Classical Academy will be reopening on schedule for the 2020-2021 school year. Included in this brief are specific ways that we will be handling the reopening of the school and procedures we will be using to keep our children safe while at school during this pandemic. We have made every effort to maximize learning and limit inconvenience, but unfortunately with unprecedented situations changes may need to be made in which case you will be notified.

## Meet the Teacher/Final Registration

Final registration is on Thursday, August 6th.

- A sign up will be going out to all school families to select a time for registration.
- Families will have the opportunity to visit their child(ren)'s classroom since parents will not be able to come in on the first day of school.
- Students' school supplies can also be dropped off at this time.
- Information packets will be available at each student's desk with forms and flyers for the school year.
- Tables will be set up in the gym observing social distancing for parents to complete paperwork.
- Parent Orientation originally scheduled for August 20th will be modified this year as well.

## First Day of School

We still want the first day of school a time of joy as your child embarks on a new academic year. Given the restrictions on adults/visitors in the school building, we will not be able to have parents walk their children into the building this year. School staff will be greeting students in the drop off line and assisting them into the building. Please take advantage of dropping off school supplies at registration so that your children will not have to manage heavy bags coming in the first morning. PreK & K will be having an early dismissal and will have pick up

for that day only in the front parking lot since other students may be crossing through the breezeway.

## Drop Off/Pick up-

- Morning drop off will continue to be in the breezeway between the main school and gym buildings.
- Students' temperatures will be taken as they come into the school building. (Any student with a temperature at or above 100.4 degrees will not be allowed to attend school)
- Parents are not allowed in the school building except under extenuating circumstances; adults entering the building will have to respond to the health screening questions and have a temperature check.
- Parents must wear masks, practice social distancing, and wash or sanitize hands prior to entering.
- If there are extenuating circumstances that necessitate a parent entering the school, only one parent per child will be allowed to enter to minimize the number of entering persons.
- Pick up will continue with PreK-4th dismissing in the breezeway and 5th-8th dismissing in the front driveway. Parents should remain in their vehicle.

## Temperature Checks/Screening

SPXCA will be completing temperature checks for all faculty and staff as well as completing employee screening questions daily.

While we do expect parents/guardians to monitor their children's temperature, students will also have their temperatures checked as they arrive at Before Care or morning drop off.

Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 degrees fahrenheit will not be permitted to stay on school grounds.

## Mask/Face Shield

- All staff and students will be required to wear face masks or face shields when they are in common areas. This includes:
  - while in the hallway

- arriving/departing school
  - moving between classrooms
  - while attending Mass
  - any time in the classroom when six feet of distancing is not possible
- Masks may be homemade or disposable level one (basic) grade surgical masks. Homemade masks should be solid colors and simple in design with no writing.
  - Reusable face masks and face shields will be made available to all faculty and students. It will be the responsibility of school families to wash masks regularly and ensure their return to school
  - We ask that every student have at least one extra mask in a ziploc bag with their name on it to keep for emergencies.

## Hand Washing/Sanitizing

- Students and teachers will have scheduled hand washing with soap and water throughout the day.
- Students will wash their hands or use hand sanitizer after changing any classroom
- Students will wash their hands prior to and after using any shared equipment

## Social Distancing within classrooms

- SPXCA is in the fortunate position of having smaller class sizes and a good amount of space to work with.
- Desks will be arranged facing the same direction toward the front of the classroom with as much space between them as possible.
- Students will wear either face masks or face shields when not able to maintain being six feet apart.
- Physical barriers will be used where necessary.
- Teachers will try to maintain a distance of six feet, but will wear masks or shields when unable to do so.

## Water Fountains

- Each floor of the school building has a water fountain equipped with a bottle filler.
- Students will be able to bring in their own water bottles to fill at these fountains after they have been shown the proper way to do so.
- The mouthpiece on these and all other fountains will be covered.

## Traffic Movement within the school

While it isn't feasible to create one-way traffic in our school hallways, we have created a marked flow of traffic in the hallways that ensure six feet distancing of students as they navigate from place to place.

Markers on the floor in the shape of arrows show the direction one should be walking and when followed maintain a distance of six feet between opposite directions.

While there will always be emergencies, homerooms will have scheduled restroom break times that vary from other homerooms to encourage the lowest number of students in the hallways and/or restrooms at a given time.

## Mass

Daily all-school celebration of the Eucharist will continue with certain protocols in place.

- Students and teachers will wash/sanitize their hands before and after
- Masks or shields will be worn
- Social distancing will be in place with marked off pews and spacing
- Other steps already in place for parish Masses such as removal of holy water fonts, removal of song books, and removal of the optional sign of peace will continue

## Lunch

- Students, teachers, and cafeteria staff wash hands before and after every meal.
- There will be three lunch periods instead of two to decrease the number of students in the lunchroom at one time.

- Social distancing will be in place in the lunchroom with students sitting on one side of the table only and spaced apart.
- If necessary, classrooms can be used for eating in place.
- Students may bring food from home.
- School-supplied meals should be served with disposable/wrapped utensils.
- Proper barriers between serving staff, food, and the consumer will be in place.
- Serving staff will use barrier protection, including gloves, face shields, and surgical masks.

## Playground

- Students will wash/sanitize their hands before and after using any shared equipment.
- Equipment will be sanitized after use.
- Activities that promote social distancing and do not require equipment will be encouraged.

## PE

- Students will wash/sanitize their hands before and after using any shared equipment.

## Athletic Activities

SPXCA will follow the direction of the Diocesan Athletic Council for athletic activities.

## After-School Activities/After Care

All activities including After Care will continue with the use of face masks and social distancing/sanitizing measures.

## When Students/Faculty Test Positive

In the event of a positive test among staff or a student, the classroom or areas exposed will be immediately closed until cleaning and disinfection can be performed.

- If the person was in the school building without a face mask, or large areas of the school were exposed to the person, short-term dismissals (2-5 days) may be required to clean and disinfect the larger areas. This decision will be made in concert with the local public health department.
- If possible, smaller areas will be closed for 24 hours before cleaning to minimize the risk of any airborne particles.
- Cleaning staff will wear an N95 respirator when cleaning these areas along with gloves and face shield

## Cleaning Protocols

- School campus will undergo cleaning at an increased tempo.
- Frequently touched surfaces, including lights, doors, benches, bathrooms, etc., will undergo cleaning with either an EPA-approved disinfectant or dilute bleach solution frequently, no less than daily.
- Library, computer lab, art, and other hands-on classrooms will undergo cleaning with either an EPA-approved disinfectant or dilute bleach solution frequently, no less than daily.
- Efforts will be made to minimize sharing of materials between students as able.
- Student desks will be wiped down with either an EPA-approved disinfectant or dilute bleach solution frequently, no less than daily.
- Playground equipment and athletic equipment will be cleaned with either an EPA approved disinfectant or dilute bleach solution frequently, no less than daily.
- Staff will wear gloves, surgical mask, and face shield when performing all cleaning activities.