



**St. Anthony**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
*Brookland*

## **2021-2022 Reopening Plan**

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**Alerts and Notifications**

St. Anthony will use its email system, website, and Facebook page to communicate with families.

**Arrival**

Parents/ guardians should remain in their vehicle when arriving to school. Walkers should wait on the sidewalk for an escort. Each grade will be assigned a specific door to enter and exit. This will help with proper physical distancing, reduce the chances of congestion, and allow for the quickest route possible. A staff member will escort your child to his/ her assigned door.

**Borrowing of Devices**

St. Anthony will not loan out iPads or Chrome Books while offering exclusive in-person instruction. If a class or the school offers virtual or hybrid instruction, devices will become available on a first come first serve basis.

**Calendar**

Our calendar can be found on our website. All dates are subject to change based on guidelines from the local government, CDC, and Health Department.

**Daily Health Screening**

St. Anthony will use Plus Portals, our digital communication platform, for parents answer the COVID-related health questions including an at-home temperature check. This must be done before 8:00 AM each day. If a child displays any COVID-like symptoms he/she should remain home and adhere to CDC guidelines.

If a child displays any COVID symptoms while at school, he/ she will be sent to the office and a parent/ guardian will be called to bring the child home. He/ she will only be allowed to return to school when the symptoms subside or he/ she receives a negative COVID test depending on the case.

**Digital Platforms**

Students in Kindergarten-Grade 2 will use Seesaw and students in Grades 3-8 will use Google Classroom at the teacher's discretion during in-person learning. These platforms will be used to a greater extent if a class or the school offers virtual or hybrid instruction. Plus Portal will be used to report grades for Grades 4-8 for the entirety of the school year. Digital resources for academic enrichment can be found on our website.

**Dismissal**

We will pilot a staggered dismissal to reduce traffic on Lawrence Street. Students in Pre-K3, Pre-K4, Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade who do not have older siblings in grades three and

above and who do not carpool with students in grades three and above will dismiss at 3:00 PM on full days and at 12:15 PM on early dismissal days.

Students in PreK-Grade 2 who have siblings in grades three and above or carpool with students in grades three and above will dismiss at 3:15 PM on full days and 12:30 PM on early dismissal days.

Parents/ guardians should remain in their vehicles and wait for their child to come to them.

### **Extended Care**

Before and aftercare will be offered during the regular hours. Please see our Student/ Parent Handbook for details. Classes will be allowed to mix during extended care.

### **Family Service Hours**

Although we encourage your involvement, at this time we are not requiring our traditional requirement of twenty service hours per family. Volunteer opportunities may be shared in your teacher's newsletters or the weekly principal's note.

### **Field Trips**

At this time only walking (local) field trips are permitted.

### **Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette**

- St. Anthony will make available adequate supplies (e.g., soap, paper towels, hand sanitizer, tissue) to support healthy hygiene practices.
- St. Anthony will promote proper handwashing technique: washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available and hands are not visibly dirty, students may use an alcohol based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol will be used.
- Recommended times to perform hand hygiene include:
  - ✓ Before and after eating food.
  - ✓ Before and after group activities.
  - ✓ After using the restroom.
  - ✓ Before and after putting on, touching, or removing cloth face coverings or touching your face.
  - ✓ After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Individuals should avoid touching one's face, eyes, mouth, and nose with unwashed hands.
- Individuals should cover coughs and sneezes. Individuals can cover one's mouth and nose with a tissue when sneezing or coughing. If a tissue is unavailable, individuals should cough or sneeze into their elbow.

## **Handbook**

All policies stated in the Student/ Parent Handbook are effective beginning on the first day of school. Our handbook can be found on our website. Please familiarize yourself with it and discuss it with your child.

## **Instruction**

Instruction will be 100% in-person, five days a week. We will not offer hybrid or virtual (distance learning) unless directed by the local government or the Archdiocese of Washington.

Students will be allowed to move from classroom to classroom for instruction. Students should space out appropriately during these transition times.

## **Lunch/ Recess**

All students will eat lunch in their homerooms or outside at the discretion of the teacher. Students will go outside to recess as a level. Students from different grades may mix at recess.

## **Mask Basics**

- Masks function as a simple barrier to help prevent respiratory droplets from traveling into the air and onto other people when the person wearing the mask coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice. This is called source control.
- Research suggests that masks protect the wearer and protect other people.
- To be effective, masks must be worn correctly. Masks should be 2-3 layers of tightly woven fabric, cover the nose and mouth, and fit snugly against the sides of the face.
- Masks must be worn by all people indoors (including staff, teachers, students, and visitors), regardless of vaccination status.
- In general, people do not need to wear masks when outdoors. Students may take off their masks during recess.
- Masks may be taken off indoors while students, faculty, and staff are eating and drinking.
- Masks must be taken off when children are napping.
- Students should have two masks with them at all times, the one they are wearing and an extra to wear after lunch or when needed.

## **Physical Distancing**

St. Anthony will implement three-foot physical distancing to the greatest extent possible. Teachers will put forth effort to maximize physical distancing. This may include:

- ✓ Turning desks to face in the same direction (rather than facing each other).
- ✓ Seating students on only one side of a table, when feasible.

- ✓ Removing nonessential furniture and other changes to classroom layouts to maximize distance between students.
- ✓ Spacing desks/seating appropriately.
- ✓ Implementing small group sizes for activities.

### **Physical Education**

Physical education classes will be conducted outside, weather permitting. When using the gym a disinfectant mist will be used between classes.

### **Prayer & Worship**

Prayer Services will be held by level in Margot Hall once a week. Grades 3-8 will participate in weekly Mass. At this time we are not planning schoolwide prayer services or Masses.

### **Principal Chats**

Principal Chats are held on Zoom every Tuesday from 12:00-12:30 PM. The same link will be used each week. All are welcome.

### **Stay Home When Sick**

- Any individual experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or who is required to isolate or quarantine due to COVID-19 diagnosis or exposure should not attend, work at, or visit St. Anthony due to the risk of exposing others.
- Symptoms of COVID-19 may include: fever (subjective or 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit), chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea.

### **Student Support Services**

Ms. Steele, the school counselor is available for help with social, emotional and/or academic concerns. She will continue counseling the students with whom she has worked throughout the school year. Ms. Steele can also assist families in need of resources.

### **Thermometers**

All families should have a working thermometer and extra batteries in their home. This will be needed for the daily health screening. A thermometer will also be available on each floor for teacher's to use if necessary.

### **Uniforms**

All students are expected to comply with the academic and physical education uniform policy as stated in the Student/ Parent Handbook.

### **Vaccinations & Testing**

At this time the Archdiocese is not requiring COVID vaccinations or testing of faculty, staff, or students.

**Ventilation**

All classrooms have an air purifier. In addition, classroom doors and windows will remain open and fans will be used to increase circulation in the building.