



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your continued support as we navigate through these unprecedented times. It means a lot of us that you are willing to make sacrifices for your children to have a Catholic education. I hoped and prayed all summer that we could return to school somewhat normally. I know returning to school with some of these protocols in place can be frustrating. We will stay the course together! Below you will find our updated Return To School (RTS) plan to begin the school year.

Christ the King Catholic School is dedicated to keeping our students and employees safe. Our plan continues to change as we receive information regarding Covid-19 in our area. Again, please remember to check the Latest News and Covid-19 pages on our website for updates. We are looking forward to seeing our students start their new adventure this year!

COVID 19 Protocols:

- Archdiocesan mask mandate for students in grades K-8, employees, and staff.
 - Students may wear their own mask. CTK will provide disposable masks when needed. Masks are preferred over gaiters. Make sure the mask is secure.
 - Our students will have mask breaks outside throughout the day. .
- All students and staff will have temperatures checked upon arrival.
- CTKCS will continue to reinforce frequent handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Hand sanitizer will be readily available throughout the school. We have purchased more hand sanitizer machines to put around the campus.
- Cleaning and disinfecting the school will occur on a daily basis and in between classes.
- If the school has a sick person or someone who tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 24 hours, the area will be cleaned and disinfected as soon as possible.
- We will have a designated sick room for students and employees who are not feeling well.
- Our school nurse will continue to monitor all health procedures closely.
- We will continue to enforce social distancing when possible.
- Our teachers will utilize our outdoor spaces as much as possible.
- We will continue to use our air scrubbers in all of the classrooms.
- You will be notified if a positive COVID-19 case affects your child in any way. We will walk through the next steps together. The school nurse and administration will conduct contact tracing under the direction of the Archdiocese.
- Due to spacing in the church, parents will not attend school mass. We will re-evaluate after the first quarter.
- We will not have field trips at the start of the school year. We will keep you updated on any changes.

2021-22 School Day and Classroom Updates:

- A and B classes will play together at break, lunch recess, and PE.
- Teachers will have in person conferences. Masks must be worn. Social distancing will be maintained in the conferences.
- Volunteers are welcome on campus.
 - School representatives will be in touch about volunteer opportunities.
 - Volunteers must wear masks while on campus.
 - All volunteers must be Child Protection Trained to be on campus.
- 6th-8th grade will switch classes.
- All grades will travel to specialist classes.
- 2-3 grades will go to Mass each week and social distancing will be enforced.
- We will plan Pumpkin Fest and The King's Supper with COVID protocols in place.
- We will be making a decision on Grandparents Day as soon as possible.

- CTK will not offer a distance learning program this year. All instruction will be in-school. If your student has to be quarantined, their teacher will be in touch on their quarantine procedures for their school work.

First Week of School Reminders:

- During the first week of school, parents and guardians may walk their students to their classroom door.
 - **Masks must be worn by parents and students.**
 - You may park in the field off 6th Street (behind the Baptist church) or the Immaculata parking lot.
- Students should bring their school supplies on the first day of school.
- Students may enter the building at 7:15am, they are considered tardy after the 7:45 bell.
- **Kindergarten** students may arrive at 8:00am on the first day of school and walk in with their parents. **Masks must be worn by parents and students.**
- There **will not** be bus service or after school care on the first day of school. These services will begin on Thursday, August 19th. Dismissal will be at 3:00.
- If your student is riding the bus, they will report to the pavilion. The bus will pick up on 6th Street after carpool.
- The first day of school is noon dismissal. Follow the dismissal procedures. Carpool information can be found on our website, ctkcsdaphne.org, under the Latest News and the Parent tab, Policies and Procedures.

We are looking forward to another great school year. Our teachers have been working hard to make sure everything is ready for their students! See you all on Wednesday.

God Bless,

Jackie Garlock