



St. Mary's Catholic School

Safe Return to Campus

“Soft Opening” and “Student Orientation”

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8/17-8/21	12:00 dismissal; no lunch, no EDC	12:00 dismissal; no lunch, no EDC	12:00 dismissal; no lunch, no EDC	12:00 dismissal; no lunch, no EDC	NO SCHOOL
8/24-8/28	3:15 dismissal; no EDC	3:15 dismissal; no EDC	3:15 dismissal; no EDC	3:15 dismissal; no EDC	NO SCHOOL
8/31-9/4	3:15 dismissal; EDC available	3:15 dismissal; EDC available	3:15 dismissal; EDC available	3:15 dismissal; EDC available	Friday Support; 12:00 dismissal; no EDC
9/7-9/11	NO SCHOOL	3:15 dismissal; EDC available	3:15 dismissal; EDC available	3:15 dismissal; EDC available	Friday Support; 3:15 dismissal; EDC available

A Day at St. Mary's- Time Schedule Update

Early Bird: Gymnasium, Mon. - Fri.	7:30 - 7:45
Building Open (First Bell)	7:45 - 8:00
Tardy Bell (Academic Day)	8:00 - 3:20
Dismissal Bell	3:20 (Circle Drive car riders @ 3:15)
Extended Day Care	3:45 (Check-in) - 5:30 (EDC Closes)

Back to School Night / Meet the Teacher

Friday, August 14th, Alphabetically

3:00 - 3:45 Last names A-I

4:00 - 4:45 Last names J-R

5:00 - 5:45 Last names S-Z

School supplies may be brought to your child's classroom.

*If intent is to elect distance learning, school supplies should be left at home.

Risk Mitigation: Friday Support Model

- New academic content will be concentrated Monday-Thursday
- Fridays will be dedicated to...
 - Remediation
 - Checking for Understanding and skills practice
 - Academic Support
 - Enrichment
- In-person or distance learning on Fridays is required for students in need of support, available for all students
 - Communication between teachers, parents, and students is vital to the success of this program
- 8th grade students taking classes for high school credit may require additional instruction on Fridays throughout the academic year.

Uniform Policy

- All Fridays during 2020-2021 will be spirit shirt days
 - Any Apache spirit shirt with blue jean/khaki pants or shorts
- Face Coverings and Shoes follow the same policy
 - Primary color- NAVY blue, white, gray, black
 - 2 accent colors allowed
- SMS Branded masks are available on online Lands End store
- Masks, face shields, gaiters are all allowed

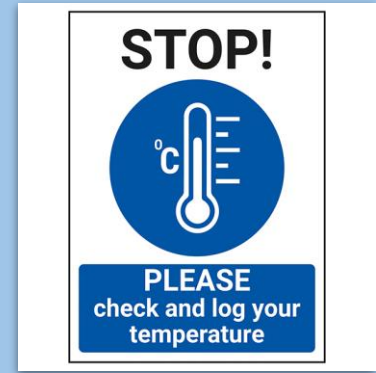
Student Mass

Weekly Thursday Mass will still take place!

- Rotation through grade levels
- 8th grade will attend weekly as part of their “Service to Neighbor”
- All other grades will attend in a cycle
- All grades not attending Mass in-person will attend virtually in their classroom.
- Mass uniform is required on every Mass day, regardless of attending in-person or virtually
- To maximize space, parents will not be allowed to attend Mass with their child at this time.

Safe return procedures:

- Staff and students will self-screen at home daily (including temperature checks) for COVID-19 symptoms before entering school campus.
- Anyone exhibiting symptoms, especially with a temp of 100 degrees or higher, will stay home, consult a medical professional, and alert the school.
- If symptoms develop during the school day the staff member or student will be sent home immediately.



COVID - 19 Symptoms

- Temperature of 100+
- Cough
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Shortness of breath
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Confusion/disorientation
- Fatigue
- Bluish lips/face
- Shivering
- Gastrointestinal issues including nausea, vomiting, diarrhea



What ifs

SYMPTOMATIC, Test-pending/Test-negative:

Anyone with a temperature above 100 degrees shall remain home until symptoms subside for 72 hours without medication, **MUST provide return-to-school clearance from treating physician BEFORE returning to campus.** **ALL INDIVIDUALS WITH UNCONFIRMED RESULTS ARE ASSUMED POSITIVE.**

CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS:

Mandatory 14-day quarantine which should include 72 hours symptom-free without medication, **MUST provide return-to-school clearance from treating physician BEFORE returning to campus.**

HOUSEHOLD DIAGNOSIS:

Mandatory 14-day quarantine which should include 72 hours symptom-free without medication before returning to campus.

What ifs, continued

PRIMARY EXPOSURE: (Definition: prolonged, close-proximity exposure to any individual with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis) Mandatory 14-day quarantine which should include 72 hours symptom-free without medication before returning to campus.

Return to campus may be expedited by providing return-to-school clearance from a treating physician.

-Primary Exposure from students and/or teachers in the same classroom will result in the entire class entering quarantine and (a)synchronous learning for 14 days which should include a minimum of 72 hours without students/teachers exhibiting symptoms, following the confirmed diagnosis. Return to campus may be expedited by providing return-to-school clearance from a treating physician.

SECONDARY EXPOSURE: (Definition: prolonged, close exposure to an individual characterized under the definition of primary exposure) If symptom-free, individual may return to campus.

(A)SYNCHRONOUS LEARNING: All students who are able should participate in asynchronous or synchronous (depending on grade level), distance learning while in quarantine.

Preventative measures to be instituted

- Hand washing, hand washing, hand washing
- Hand sanitizer in all classrooms
- **Face coverings- required** for grades 3-8 as well as all staff; highly recommended for grades Pre-K - 2.
- Classrooms and high traffic areas to include playground, water fountains, bathrooms, hallways, etc. will be sanitized frequently throughout the day
- When possible, desks will be placed 6 ft. apart, facing in same direction.
- When possible, teachers will move classrooms rather than students.
- Commonly shared supplies and equipment (i.e. PE equipment, art supplies, toys, centers, etc.) will be limited when possible and disinfected between uses.



Shared objects

- Sharing of items that may be more difficult to disinfect will be limited or eliminated altogether.
- Student belongings will be limited to use strictly by the owner and stored in an area designated to each individual student.
- Adequate supplies should be provided to prevent the necessity of students within the same class needing to share.
- All supplies shared throughout the student body will be cleaned and disinfected between each use (i.e. paint brushes, toys, etc.).
- Electronic devices will not be shared within a given time of use and will be disinfected between uses.
- The school library will develop protocols for safe sharing of books

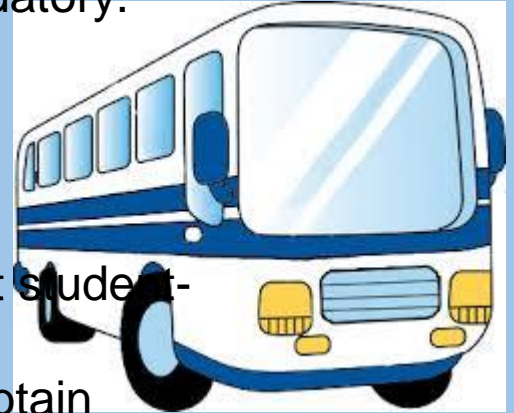
Food Service



- Pre-K - Kindergarten will eat lunch in the classrooms.
- Grades 1-8 will be spread out across three lunch times, and may eat in the classroom or outside when conditions allow.
- Groups in the cafeteria at the same time will be socially distanced from one another across multiple tables.
- When possible, lunch will be provided in individually packaged disposable containers.
- All tables will be disinfected between each use.
- Cafeteria staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing and serving food.
- Classes will sit at their designated tables immediately upon entering the cafeteria to allow for proper social distancing while waiting to be served.
- Concession stand offerings will be limited to prepackaged items. Any condiments will be individually packaged (i.e. ketchup, mustard, etc.)

Transportation

- Communal transportation (busing) will be extremely limited, and bus will be disinfected after each use. Face coverings will be mandatory.
- Hand sanitizer will be readily available on the bus.
- All field trips are eliminated for the foreseeable future.
- In the event of an athletic season, parents will transport student-athletes to out-of-town competitions. Only a limited number of student-athletes who are unable to obtain parent transportation will be transported via bus (Maximum: 12).



Protection for Individuals w/ Heightened Risk of Illness

- Synchronous distance learning will be available year-round for students in grades 1-8.
- Asynchronous distance learning will be available year-round for students in grades PK-K.
- Faculty and staff are required to wear face coverings at all times, especially when social distancing is not feasible.
- In order to protect the privacy of each individual, individuals with heightened risk of illness should schedule a meeting with both the principal and school nurse to document risk; risk mitigation plans will be created to provide accommodations as are needed.



Gatherings, Visitors, Field Trips

- Group events, gatherings, and meetings will be limited if not eliminated until further guidance is provided by regulatory agencies.
- When possible, events will be broadcast virtually.
- When limited gatherings are necessary, proper social distancing will be observed, and proper precautions will be taken (i.e face-coverings, etc.)
- Visitors will not be allowed on-campus during the instructional day for the foreseeable future. This includes family members visiting for lunch, etc.
- Volunteers will be allowed on a very limited basis during the instructional day, and must be deemed absolutely necessary to the operational vitality of the school.

Group Gatherings

- Local mandates for group gatherings will be observed.
- Group gatherings will be limited or eliminated altogether.
- St. Mary's receives frequent updates to any regulatory changes within Fredericksburg and Gillespie County.



Drop-Off Protocol

- Early Bird- Gymnasium, Mon.-Fri. 7:30-7:45
- Students will enter gym and fill designated positions, appropriately socially distanced from each other.
- Only parents of students in grades PK-Kinder may enter the campus to escort their child to their classroom.
- Parents are encouraged to remain in their vehicles and utilize the two drop-off zones at circle drive and in front of the high school building

AND...

- We are going to love your child
- We are going to teach your child
- We will discipline your child
- We will hold your child accountable for their actions
- We will facilitate your child's faith journey
- We will laugh with your child
- We will cry with your child
- We will **CONTINUE** to provide the same nurturing environment for your child that St. Mary's has provided for the past 165 **YEARS**

Because... WE ARE

**ONE
TRIBE**

