

If my son can't attend for a few days as he has a runny nose or one of the symptoms on the list, but feels good can he then change to remote learning for the days he can't attend school?

Yes. Students who are not able to attend school due to a symptom, but feel well enough to virtually attend will be allowed to participate in the remote learning sessions. Students must be able to connect online, and would be expected to participate as they would if they were in school, meaning classes start at 7:35, they should be in uniform on those days and be involved as much as possible.

When is first day of school?

August 25th for students in grades K-3, August 26th for students in 4-8 and September 8th for Preschool. The split opening will allow us to have more teachers present to help and guide the younger students through all the COVID-related changes and procedures.

Will the supply lists be different if a student participates remotely?

There may be some differences, for example, there may not be the need for dry erase markers as students at home may not have a dry erase board. If you know a student is planning on using the remote learning option, you can use your discretion as to what supplies you might/might not need to use at home. Once the teachers are back (As of August 17th), we will have them contact the individual classes and give further guidance.

Will they still be having PE class?

Absolutely! PE classes will be held outdoors as much as possible, and then socially distanced in the gym if they can't be outside. We are intending on having all our Related Arts classes (Technology, Art, Music, Spanish, Library & PE), though they may be structured a bit differently than in the past as some will be conducted in the classroom rather than have students go to a particular room. Our Related Arts teachers are also prepared to have those classes go entirely online in the event there is a government mandated school closing.

Do you have final enrollment numbers for each grade level?

As of July 30, 2020, enrollment is as follows:

Kindergarten:	15
1st Grade:	21
2nd Grade:	16
3rd Grade:	18
4th Grade:	23
5th Grade:	18
6th Grade:	11
7th Grade:	13
8th Grade:	13
Preschool 3:	6
Preschool 4:	14
PreK:	12

What type of an HVAC system does St. Mary's have? Have you looked into nightly setbacks and MERV ratings?

Air conditioning at Saint Mary's is done using primarily window units with a 10,000 BTU rating capable of cooling rooms between 450-600 square feet. Units are typically turned off at the end of the day, so no nightly setup is done in that sense. I did not find a MERV rating on the specification sheet or user manual for the model installed, though the units do have a washable mesh filter with an alert when they need to be cleaned. Following guidance, all air condition units will be set to NOT recirculate air inside the classroom, they will have the vents push air to the side rather than straight at students and fresh air will be pulled from outside and exhaust back out there as well.

Is dismissal time the same?

Yes. We will be staggering how/when students exit the building, but the actual end of classes will remain the same. I do expect it will take a bit longer than normal to get through dismissal for the first few days, so please be patient with us until we have it down.

Can my student use their own laptop for remote learning?

They certainly may, though I would caution families to consider units provided by the school have a filtering system in place to prevent certain online elements from popping up or being accessed. If you have a student participating in remote learning, the school can provide a unit for that purpose or we can add that filtering system onto an existing device the family owns. Please contact office@stmaryavon.org to discuss those options further.

Will students be bringing their plastic facemasks home? If so, will we be provided with the CDC recommendations for disinfection?

The school branded caps and plastic face shields that attach to the hats will be allowed to be brought home. We will send out the recommended cleaning and disinfection guidelines.

What will the students use to wipe down their desks?

We will be using a multi-purpose cleaning wipe as has been used in the past for wiping down desks. If you or your child has an issue handling those wipes, please let the school office know.

Are all students are expected to report to school? I missed if they get a choice of home or school learning?

Short of a government mandate, Saint Mary's will be open according to the regular school calendar. Families who would prefer their students participate remotely will be able to opt-in to our video simulcast sessions from the classroom. Teachers will be tailoring lessons that work for both students physically in the classroom and participating remotely. We will be sending out a survey where families can indicate their preference of participating in our remote learning sessions. Families that do make a commitment to staying with remote learning for at least a quarter.

If I would like to start my student in classroom and then decide that remote learning is best based on current events can I change their status?

Yes. Pulling out a student from the classroom and having them join remote learning is allowed, but those that do will have to commit to staying in that through at least the end of the quarter.

Will the school still provide the option for lunch or will the student have to bring their own?

The school will still be offering lunches as we have in the past. Students will still go to the cafeteria for lunch, though they will be spaced out and use their desk shields at the lunch tables.

What will the afterschool kid zone look like with all of the COVID measures?

We will still offer KidZone in much the same fashion as what it has been in the past—a period of time outside, a period of time inside doing homework, more time outside, etc. We're also going to be taking precautions and having a separate set of supplies for each student enrolled in KidZone, social distancing students and using desk shields when sitting at the tables.

Wouldn't bringing the barriers to the lunchroom make more germs because the children will be touching the outside or their barriers? Have you considered the children eating lunch in their classrooms?

It was an option that has been discussed, but ultimately, weighing the pros and cons including the ability to offer lunches, things like having students carry trays with hot lunches up stairs, we decided to continue to have students come down for lunch. We will continue to monitor the procedure and may make changes if necessary.

What day would we be able to drop off the supplies?

August 24th, though we are looking at adding an additional day. More details will be released soon.

How will busing be affected by the new situation?

Busing is determined from the individual districts. We will pass that information along as it is sent to us. So far, we have only heard from North Ridgeville, which has indicated they will require anyone riding the bus to wear a mask.

Are the kids going all 5 days in class?

Yes!

Will after school clubs be available for students who do remote learning?

Great question, and one we have not talked about, but we will certainly discuss. I hope we can, though not all clubs will lend themselves to being able to do this.

Has there been any discussion about pushing the start date of school back to September?

We will be ready to open as scheduled, so short of some unforeseen circumstance or a government directive to push the opening back, we intend on follow our current schedule of opening K-8 in August.

If our local school district is on remote learning or if they push date into September how will that impact bussing?

We will continue to stay in touch with the local districts that provide busing and will keep everyone apprised if there is any change in their policy.

Am I correct that school supplies such as pencils, markers, etc. will no longer go into a shared classroom bin and that all kids will utilize their own supplies?

Supplies are not going to be shared between students. Teachers will alert parents if a particular supply is running low.

We really appreciate the effort and consideration for all aspects of school. Can we (community and parents) do anything to assist your efforts?

Thanks for the kind note. Stay involved and let's keep the lines of communication open! I'm committed to keeping families informed, while respecting privacy, and making myself available to address and answer whatever concerns you may have. I mentioned in the video that the thing that sticks out in my mind is to be patient with us and come talk to me if there's an issue. Our teachers are going to be under incredible scrutiny and expectations already and think it's incredibly important we support them as much as we can through this. A lot of what is going to occur is going to be out of our hands. We have to follow certain protocols and we just ask that you try to understand that we are doing what is in the best interest of our students, our staff and the larger school community.

Yes - totally agree with Nicole! Everything is very organized, and the communication is great - thank you!!! Please let us know how we can assist - happy to help!

Thank you! The support we're getting from everyone has been incredible. We are all in this together and I'm sure there will be one thing or another we will need throughout this crisis—I won't be shy about asking when that time comes.

Will parents still be able to volunteer in the classrooms this year?

Their recommendation is to minimize the amount of individuals that can come in the school. That being said, we need helping hands, so we will be reaching out. More to come on this front! Thanks for the support!

Doing a great job!

Thank you. Again, whatever we can do to benefit the students while keeping everyone safe, we will do! We want to create a SAFE & FUN leaning environment that balances the physical, social and mental needs of our school students, staff and community. I look forward to the day when we can all gather together as a school and church, say a prayer of thanks and celebrate as family.

Will Wednesday mass be open to the public?

It will be, but there will be around 100 students in there already, so there may not be much space left as we social distance everyone.

What is the PE schedule?

We haven't hired a PE teacher yet, so we can't say exactly what days it will be. As previously mentioned, our Mass day will be on Wednesdays, so we know that it will not be on that day.

Since the kids will be assigned seats will they be able to sit with their friends at lunch? I know usually classroom is boy/girl/boy.

As students will have to stay within their assigned groups, I imagine this aspect will change. It is unlikely to follow any particular pattern. If your student has any particular issue with seating assignments, please let the teacher or office know. We will get it worked out as best as we can.

Thank you for all your efforts! We all really appreciate it.

I love this community!

Great job planning through all this!! looking forward to being part of the school.

Not that I can really put the COVID stuff aside, but I am SO excited about this year and thinking about the future of our school just makes me giddy! We are going to be doing some great things that will showcase how

Those numbers you read for enrollment - those are the children that are doing in school only, or were those the total number of kids enrolled per grade regardless of if they are doing in-person or remote learning?

I misspoke when I started reading off those numbers (that's the start of Part 2 on the video). Those are the total number of students enrolled per grade level. We do not have the number of students who will be participating in remote learning yet. The survey is due August 7th, so we will have those numbers available for that the week after.