



“SBS Swivels” Our Plan to Return to School Safely FAQ’s

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What were the results of the school reopening survey?

The majority of parents asked for in-person instruction and ranked the most important factors for coming back on campus:

- 1) Enhanced school cleaning on site
- 2) Classroom seating is limited to maintain social distancing
- 3) Regularly-scheduled handwashing stations

What are St. Bonaventure’s plans for reopening?

On July 17, the Governor Newsom issued updated guidance stating all public and private schools in counties on the “watch list” (including Orange County) may not offer in-person instruction until 14 consecutive days have passed after the county is removed from the list. The Diocese of Orange is pursuing a “waiver” for Orange County Catholic Schools (including St. Bonaventure) to become exempt. Also, California Bishops and the California Catholic Church Conference are calling upon Governor Newsom to rapidly respond to reopening the schools.

SBS SWIVELS means we have two contingency plans based on the current status of the pandemic.

1. Orange County will come off the watch list, or a “waiver” is approved, and SBS can open for in-person instruction, with a **Virtual+ Remote Learning** option for those interested, **OR**
2. SBS begins the year with **Virtual+ Remote Learning** and returns to in-person instruction when it is permitted. Those that would like to stay distance learning will have that option as well.

It’s important to remember COVID-19 continues to be a fluid situation, and one that requires us to remain flexible and **SWIVEL** at a moment’s notice. We are committed to diligently monitoring guidelines and directives issued by federal, state, and local health authorities to ensure we are making the informed decisions.

What is SBS **Virtual+ Remote Learning**?

SBS **Virtual+ Remote Learning** is a comprehensive program that incorporates strong academics, integration with in-person learning, and community building such as dedicated in person outdoor weekly Masses.. It is important for the students’ social and emotional well-being to see their peers. With our new state of the art technology, this will enable students learning at-home to interact with in-person classmates. In addition, for those that are comfortable, there will be opportunities for weekly outdoor Mass and other socially distanced extra-curricular community events.

What is the new technology being referred to?

Thanks to a generous donor, SBS will be swiveling with SWIVL. This technology allows a teacher to instruct from anywhere in a classroom and a robot swivels tracking the instructor. In addition, the software works in tandem with Zoom. Whatever is being shown on the smartboard, will also be clearly displayed at home to the students. Lastly, at-home students will be displayed on a panel in the classroom so they can hear and interact with their classmates creating a two-way virtual window in the classroom every day.

Do I have to commit to a learning option (in-person or remote)?

Yes. Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, we have adjusted all classrooms on campus for social distancing of the students. Therefore, there is a maximum number of students allowed in each classroom for in-person instruction. The choices will be an “On Campus Option” or “Remote Option” for the school year. If you would like to switch from remote learning to in-person instruction mid-year, we will do our best to accommodate you based on available space, while maintaining the integrity of all COVID safety precautions and protocols. You will need to complete a commitment document via FACTS (or DocuSign) where you will indicate your learning option selection. If the Governor’s mandate requires us to start the school year virtually, or in the event of other subsequent campus closures, all students will learn virtually until we can begin in-person instruction.

If Orange County comes off the watchlist and the school reopens, what happens if Orange County goes back on the watchlist?

Per Governor Newsom's guidelines, once a school reopens there can be classroom or school closures if:

1. 5% of the class has confirmed COVID, then the classroom closes for 14 days and moves to remote learning, **or**
2. 25% of the school has confirmed COVID, then the school closes for 14 days and moves to remote learning.

What are the protocols for SBS Distance Learning?

Distance learning is a virtual classroom experience Monday-Friday from 8:15 am- 12:00pm with direct instruction, by a credentialed teacher, in Religion, English Language Arts and Math with Social Studies and Science on alternating days or incorporated in a cross curricular manner. The amount of direct instruction/guided practice/independent practice time will be developmentally appropriate for ages and grade-levels. The afternoon hours from 1:00pm-3:00pm are spent on independent studies, homework, participating in Electives or checking in with a teacher for extra help.

Our curriculum is rigorous, data driven and high school preparatory. The teachers identify the objectives and skills necessary for standards-based mastery, create a map to ensure all standards skills and objectives are met throughout the year, and plan standards-based lessons supported by the following current and relevant educational texts, software, apps, and materials.

Are face coverings required?

In Governor Newsom's updated guidance, all staff and students in 3rd grade and above will be required to wear a mask or **face covering**. Students in 2nd grade and below are strongly encouraged to wear a **face covering**. Faculty and staff will be wearing face coverings at all times. Teachers for younger students will be wearing clear protective shields to allow for early literacy phonological instruction.

What do Recess and Lunch look like?

Students will eat outdoors or in their classrooms at their desks on a rotating basis. Designated zones should allow for outdoor eating two-thirds of the time, weather permitting. Students who pack lunch will need to pack their lunch in a disposable container (plastic/paper bag - per CDC guidelines) hot lunch will be an option for students. Choicelunch a la carte option will be contactless. Click here for Choicelunch flyer. Students should not share food or drinks. The purchased lunches will arrive to the students in individually packaged disposable containers. Students will play with their classmates in specific zones on the playground. Play zones will be rotated on a periodic basis. Recess and lunch times will be staggered. Students will be required to wear their facemask/ gator/buff while playing outside as students will be playing in closer proximity to one another compared to our socially distanced classrooms. Students will wash their hands after recess before entering the classroom.

Will there be PE?

Yes, there will be PE. Students will participate in low cardiovascular type exercises to keep their respiratory system at a non-heightened rate. Activities such as stretching, and other isotonic (air squats, pushups, step-ups, curls) and isometric exercises (wall sits, planks).

What are the safety measures being put into place?

Protocols include increased pre-campus access health screenings, limited campus access, temperature checks, personal and hand hygiene measures including regular hand-washing/sanitizing/disinfecting, CDC approved PPE equipment, face coverings, social distancing in classrooms, schedule adaptations (i.e. teachers move classroom, not students), dedicated school counseling services (school employee), explicit strategies social and emotional learning support for students and school employees, CDC approved nightly classroom cleaning and disinfection in addition to periodic high-touch cleaning throughout the day, all CDC health room protocols implemented. Additional hand washing stations and contactless hand sanitizer dispensers are being placed throughout campus.

Will there be Extended Day?

Yes, we will be resuming Extended Day once in-person instruction begins. We are waiting on formal legal notification that we can offer extended day while virtual learning, at an additional charge, for families that are interested. Extended Day staff would supervise students while they are remote learning as well as provide daycare. All CDC and Orange County Department of Health guidelines will be followed.

What happens if an employee/student tests positive for COVID-19?

If a student or staff member is confirmed to have COVID-19 by a healthcare professional, the local health officials will be immediately notified. These officials will help school administrators determine a course of action for their school. Students and respective staff will likely be dismissed for 2-5 days. This initial short-term dismissal allows time for the local health officials to gain a better understanding of the COVID-19 situation impacting the school classroom and for custodial staff to clean and disinfect the affected facilities. The school will work with the local health officials to determine the appropriate next steps, including whether an extended dismissal duration is needed to stop or slow the further spread of COVID-19. Keeping the students in their “cohorts” will help reduce exposure to others and simplify contact tracing. The following is a list of measures (from the CDPH) that the school will take when a student, teacher or staff member has symptoms, is a contact of someone infected, or is diagnosed with COVID-19:

	Student or Staff with:	Action	Communication
1.	COVID-19 Symptoms (e.g., fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, difficulty breathing) Symptom Screening: Per CA School Sector Specific Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Send home · Recommend testing (If positive, see #3, if negative, see #4) · School/classroom remain open 	No Action needed
2.	Close contact (†) with a confirmed COVID- 19 case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Send home · Quarantine for 14 days from last exposure · Recommend testing (but will not shorten 14-day quarantine) · School/classroom remain open 	Consider school community notification of a known contact
3.	Confirmed COVID-19 case infection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Notify the local public health department · Isolate case and exclude from school for 10 days from symptom onset or test date · Identify contacts (†), quarantine & exclude exposed contacts (likely entire cohort (††)) for 14 days after the last date the case was present at school while infectious · Recommend testing of contacts, prioritize symptomatic contacts (but will not shorten 14-day quarantine) · Disinfection and cleaning of classroom and primary spaces where case spent significant time · School remains open 	School community notification of a known case
4.	Tests negative after symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · May return to school 3 days after symptoms resolve · School/classroom remain open 	Consider school community notification if prior awareness of testing

(†) A contact is defined as a person who is <6 feet from a case for >15 minutes. In some school situations, it may be difficult to determine whether individuals have met this criterion and an entire cohort, classroom, or other group may need to be considered exposed, particularly if people have spent time together indoors.

(††) A cohort is a stable group with fixed membership that stays together for all courses and activities (e.g., lunch, recess, etc.) and avoids contact with other persons or cohorts.

Will my student be able to distance learn if they are at home because they are sick?

Yes. Thanks to SWIVL if an in-person instruction student is home due to an illness of any kind, they can temporarily switch to **Virtual+ Remote Learning**. All students must remain at home if they are not feeling well.

Will there be volunteer opportunities?

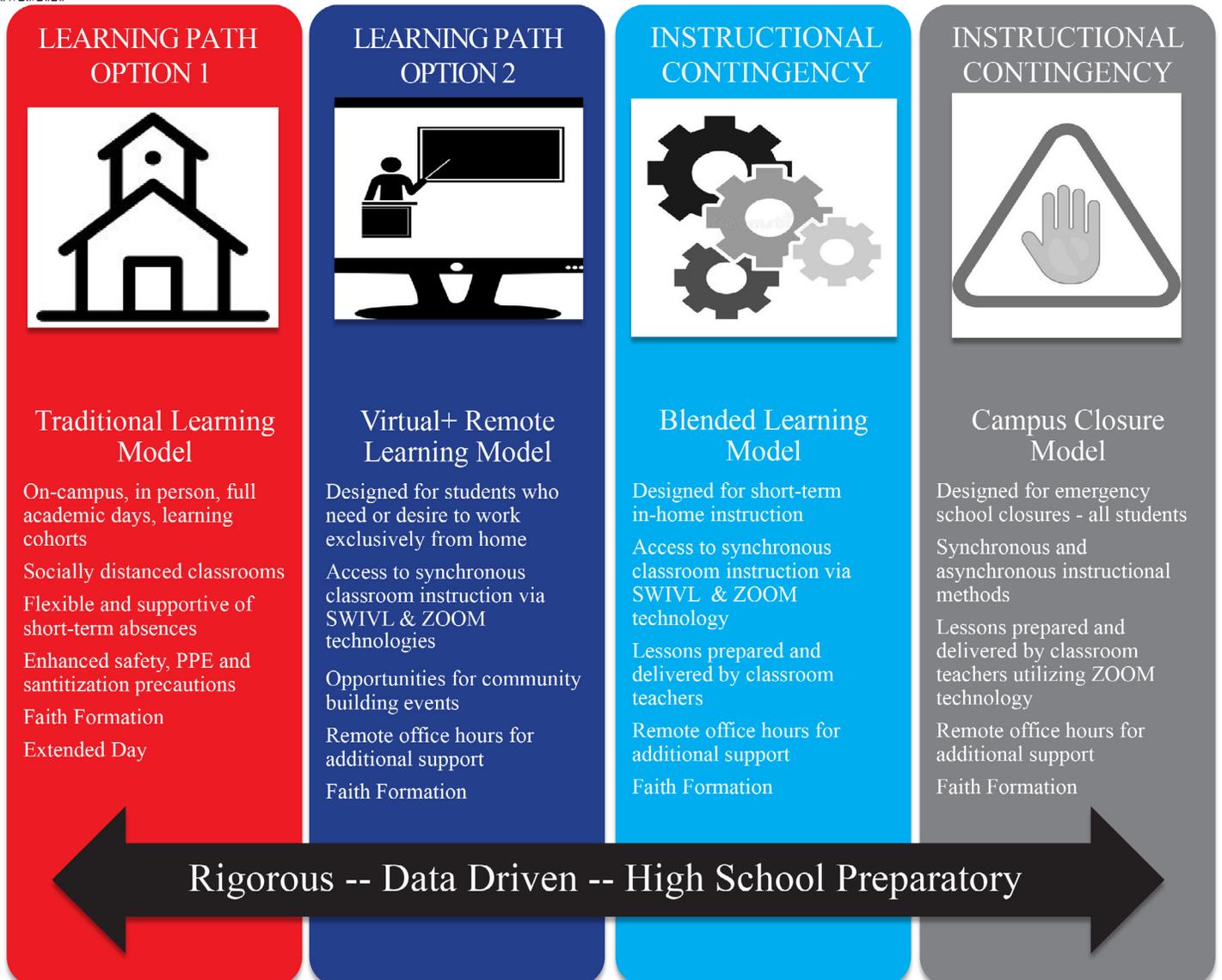
Yes, there will be volunteer opportunities in a limited capacity. We are currently working to modify our current Service Opportunity Guide based on CDC and Diocesan recommendations.

How will the "Learning Cohorts" work?

Each teacher will focus on select content areas of passion and strength. The teachers will provide instruction to ALL of the students in their grade level. Teachers will instruct one cohort and then move from that cohort to the next and teach the same content area lessons. This concept highlights the teacher's strengths, provides a variety of instructional experts, allows the teachers to focus on quality vs. breadth of topics which will result in stronger instruction that will benefit the students in core academic content. Because only the teacher is moving from class to class, there will be less opportunity for cohorts to inter-mingle with one another in the hallways, making this a safer option for our students and teachers. We are confident that our teachers, supported by highly-qualified instructional aides, will provide a superior academic and faith formation experience for every student.

What are the various instructional models for the school year?

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SBS reopening plan checklist taking place this summer:

SBS has developed a plan that will provide evidence that SBS has taken all of the necessary steps to reopen the school in a safe and responsible manner in accordance with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA, which includes--

- A written worksite specific COVID-19 plan
- Training for employees and students
- A plan for individual control measures and screening
- Cleaning and disinfecting protocols met per CDC guidelines
- Provide a physically distanced learning environment

Disclaimer:

These plans are fluid and subject to updates. Protocols are still being developed and informed by the reality of continually changing situations. **We are committed to keeping you informed in real-time and returning our precious students to on-campus learning in the safest possible environment.**

Questions from Coffee Socials:

July 31st

How many classes per grade?

There will be two to three classes per grade level taking into consideration rooms dimensions to achieve true social distancing.

How can we access the spirit store?

The spirit store will be open August 5-19 and will be posted online. or you can [click here](#). All items will be shipped to your home. SBS buffs are a great option for the students so they don't "fiddle" with their masks. Cinch paks are recommended for grades 3 and up as a replacement for backpacks. The cinch paks can fit easily into student cubbies. TK - grade 2 will have a different option TBA.

Can Swivl be taken outdoors?

We are testing the WIFI connections on campus and potential outdoor learning spaces.

Can a face shield replace a face mask?

All staff and students in 3rd grade and above will be required to wear a mask or face covering, which can include a face shield. Students in 2nd grade and below are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering. Students will be provided with a face covering if they do not have one. Teachers can use face shields, if available, which enable younger students to see their teachers' faces and to avoid potential barriers to phonological instruction. Face coverings are most essential in settings where physical distancing cannot easily be maintained; such as in the bathrooms/hallways, or other settings where social distancing is not possible

Will in classroom instruction zooms be recorded for later use?

Yes. However, the digital files are extremely large and we are looking into the best storage option for the recordings.

Will you let us know if our child's class is full for in-person instruction?

Currently, every grade has a waitlist. Due to social distancing constraints, we can not place more students into the classrooms as it would negate the social distancing that is required.

Can you explain the new child care option?

The Diocese of Orange is working with their legal department to authorize child care during the day if the school opens virtually. This will allow students to receive child care and SBS extended day employees may assist with students' online learning and Zoom lessons as an extension of the remote school day. Teachers will still be presenting lessons remotely. Once on campus instruction is permitted, extended daycare will be open for before and after school care following the CDC and OC Department of the Health guidelines.

Will students need to wear uniforms while distance learning?

Yes, students will be required to be in uniform, groomed, and in a quality learning environment (i.e. at a desk, table, or counter). Students are not allowed to be in their beds while learning virtually.

What will the schedule be for virtual learning and how will this differ from the spring?

General virtual learning guidelines are listed above. However, a more robust set of protocols and guidelines for the fall will be published soon from the Diocese of Orange. The program will be a more seamless and streamlined distance learning experience.

What grades have a waitlist?

All grades have waitlists.

Is the Learning Plaza fully enclosed?

Yes. The Learning Plaza will be fully enclosed with slotted private siding keeping the students away from the line of sight of others. There is only entrance to the Plaza but multiple one-way emergency exits if needed.

What are the hours of the HOPE office?

Monday - Friday from 10:00 to 12:00 pm with senior pick up once a month on Wednesdays. The Learning Plaza is fully enclosed with privacy fencing and monitored security cameras.

If my student is a walker and walks with another student, may they arrive at school at the same time even though they have different last names?

Yes, walkers may arrive at the same time.

Can parents request a buddy to be in their learning cohort?

St. Bonaventure Catholic School does not take class placement requests. Teachers do take this, and many other factors into consideration when making classroom placements.

How will bathroom breaks work? Will there be increased sanitization in the bathrooms and how often?

Regular bathroom breaks will be paced among students throughout the day. The high-touch areas of the bathrooms will be disinfected regularly during each day and disinfected completely each night.

How are we supposed to commit to a path when we don't know what the beginning of school will look like? We don't know when Orange County will be off the watchlist.

St. Bonaventure School has invested substantially for a safe return to campus, which includes smaller class sizes and more classrooms, without increasing tuition. Having your commitment allows us to execute a safe school environment (in-person or virtual) and deliver an academically excellent Christ-centered education. We know these are uncertain times and we understand your frustration. If you choose our Virtual+ option and change your mind later, we will do our best to accommodate you at the end of the trimester based on availability in the classroom or if the COVID social distancing restrictions have been lifted.

What grade is in the Learning Plaza?

We have not finalized the grade in the Learning Plaza. Age, maturity, and number of enrolled students will play into the decision process. Tentatively, fifth grade is slotted for the Learning Plaza.

Will Virtual+ students take state standardized benchmark tests?

Yes, both in-person and virtual students will have benchmark testing.

July 21

Once the county is off the watch list, will the school toggle back and forth between being closed?

The classroom may close if 5% has positive confirmed COVID cases or 25% of the school. All employees will be cycled through being tested every two months.

Do you see the first 4-6 weeks as a refresher since spring was so challenging?

All students have assessment testing and the teachers will adapt and differentiate content to make sure the students are mastering standards and reaching the desired learning outcomes..

What devices can you recommend for distance learning? Is there an opportunity to get a loaner from the school?

Generally speaking, iPads are recommended in the primary grades and Chromebooks in grades three and older are recommended. However, before making a purchasing decision, please consult with Cathy Smith at csmith@stbonaventureschool.org. It may be possible to borrow a device from the school (device insurance charges will apply).

If we start virtual, will we have an in-person pick up for textbooks? Will we have the opportunity to meet our teacher and other classmates before school begins virtually?

Yes, if we are confirmed to open virtual, we will have safe on campus instructions for students and parents to meet the teacher, pick up textbooks, and meet classmates.

What will the TK program look like if we start virtual? Can we apply registration and tuition payments to next year? What does the TK and KG Virtual+ program look like?

We are working on a plan to communicate shortly to our parents.

If a child displays symptoms of being sick in the classroom, will they be sent home? What about common colds?

We are currently working with our New Health Technician to formalize information to send to the parents. With Virtual+ our in-person students will have more flexibility to learn from home if they are not feeling well. Please see the chart above for COVID symptoms.

Have the filters for the hvac system being upgraded?

Yes, we have a newer air condition system with fresh air intake exhaust fans. In addition, when the hall was converted to the temporary church, they were also installed.

If we choose online learning, does that affect our in-person enrollment for next year?

No, your student(s) are still registered student(s) of St. Bonaventure. All in-person and Virtual+ students will be eligible for registration for the following school year 2021-2022.

What will pick-up look like?

We are working on the logistics of a staggered dismissal procedure with carlines. The plan will be communicated once it is finalized.

How can my student get extra support if they are in distance learning?

There will be regularly scheduled time for each Virtual+ class to check-in with their teacher and opportunities for quick checks with instructional aides during the school day. Each grade-level will develop a support plan that will be communicated to you. We are partners in your child's education. Their success is our common goal.

August 28

When will we hear if our school has been approved for the waiver? And how will you tell us?

We have heard all waivers have been approved but have not seen anything in writing yet as of Aug 28. It looks like they are now slowly making their way through the Catholic schools. The Diocese required us to submit all of the Catholic schools together in batch per the request of the OC Department of Health. We will communicate through all channels such as email, social media, and the website. We are also aware the Governor released a new plan as of Aug 28. We have been told the waiver schools are grandfathered in and 7th and 8th grade will still come back Sept 8th if OC continues to trend in the right direction. Stay tuned for more information.

Can we bring reusable lunch bags?

We are asking everyone to bring disposable lunch bags at least in the beginning as we work through the new precautions. Students' items need to fit into their cubbies. We also need to limit items coming back and forth from home. Choice Lunch will still be available to order online.

The backpacks suggested are too small for the older grades. What do you recommend?

As we start this new school year we are asking to limit items coming back and forth from home. All of the textbooks are available online and if you would like to purchase one for a home edition please email office@stbonaventureschool.org and we will get you the ISBN number. The backpacks are large and touch each other when hanging on the hooks.

What about reusable water bottles or plastic?

All of our drinking fountains have been converted into hand washing stations to limit the spreading of germs. You may bring reusable water bottles as the students keep those on their desks. Or you may send your child with a water bottle.

When will the class lists be posted?

The class lists are always posted the Friday before school starts so in this case Sept 4.

What is the schedule for *Virtual+* students and what type of devices should we get?

The teachers return on Monday and we will be finalizing the schedule with their grade level input (we needed that last component). We are scheduling a Zoom for *Virtual+* students only the week of Aug 31. Watch for an email.

Are you requiring masks for all grades?

The governor has mandated face coverings for grades 3 and up. Grade 2 and below it is highly recommended. Mrs. White has reinforced that. We also purchased desk shields for grades 2-KG for an extra precaution. We will work with the students on these procedures in a loving manner.

Zoom recording from Evening Edition of Coffee with the Principals on August 27

Share recording with viewers:

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