



Saint Bernard Mission School

Catholic Indian Mission

"Enriched by the Past, educating for the Future."

August 25, 2020

Dear Families of Saint Bernard Mission School,

We are writing to inform you of some of the changes that have been made due to COVID-19. The changes were made to better protect our students, staff, and community of SBMS. At this time, we are scheduled to begin school on September 8, 2020. We will be conducting a traditional, face to face schedule and implementing safety protocols based on guidance from the CDC, ND Department of Health and IHS.

Parents/Guardians will transport students to and from school. School will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. At the start of each day, all staff and student(s) will have their temperature checked. Staff will come out to parent/guardian vehicle and check temps before a student is dropped off at school. Please do not have your child leave the vehicle before their temperature is checked. All staff and students will be required to wear masks. There will be no visitors to the school until further notice.

Upon arrival and after temperature check, students will go directly to their classroom. Breakfast will be provided in each classroom. Each class will be a separate cohort and will not have contact with other classes. What this means is that each class will have breakfast in their classroom, separate recess, lunch, and attend mass on different days. SBMS does have an alternative plan if the need arises. This would be a **Blended/Hybrid, staggered attendance plan**. Each class would attend school 2 days a week.

Examples:

K,2,4,6 – Mon & Tue

1,3,5,7,8 – Wed & Thu

OR Another option would be:

K,2,4,6 – Mon & Wed

1,3,5,7,8 – Tue & Thu

Parents/Guardians will be notified in advance if the school would need to activate and convert to the alternative plan. Our students and families remain in our prayers. Thank you for your support of SBMS. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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