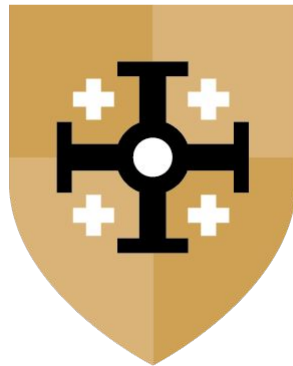


Opening of School 2020 -2021

Holy Cross Catholic High School



Mission of HCCHS

The mission of Holy Cross Catholic High School is to be a beacon of excellent Catholic education for the youth of the Permian Basin. We challenge each student to live as a Christian witness in service to others. We form young men and women spiritually, academically, socially, and physically, in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Starting Date and Time

Holy Cross Catholic High School will open August 12, 2020. We will be in-person and on campus to begin our school year.

Our regular day schedule begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 4:20 p.m.

We would like our Freshmen to come to school Wednesday, Aug. 12, at 8:00 a.m. We will check our Freshmen class in first and have them go to their classroom. We ask our Sophomore and Junior students to come to school Wednesday, Aug. 12, at 9:00 a.m. We will all end at 4:20 p.m. We will start the regular schedule for everyone on Thursday, Aug. 13.

Transportation

Holy Cross has received word that our beloved bus driver will no longer be able to drive the bus for us. This means that we will not have transportation available for anyone right now. We are working now to find someone with a CDL license to drive our bus. Our board of directors is also working to purchase a van for us to utilize as well. We will update all of you once we have a replacement driver.

HCCHS students are not allowed to drive to school until they have a valid driver's license; not a permit, and a parent waiver is signed. Please see the Head of School if you are eligible.

Parents are to drop off their student before the 8:00 a.m. class begins. We will open our building to students at 7:30 a.m. each morning for you to drop off the student.

Starting the Day

If you bring your student to school, please drive up to the front of our building, and have the student stay in the car with you.

A HCCHS person will come to your car and take the student's temperature. Please make sure the student has a mask on and is where we do not have to reach in the car to take the temperature.

The student will be allowed to stay with us if their temperature is below 100 degrees.

The student is asked to bring only the supplies needed for the day. No other items should come to the school.

Safety Protocols for Entry

Masks - Students must come to school wearing a mask over their nose and mouth.

Students must wear the mask throughout the day.

Students may remove their mask and have it to one side of their face while they are eating lunch. If they stand up; they will place their mask back on before they move away from their area. Athletics/PE are allowed to remove, but keep the mask with them, when they are running or the activity requires a lot of movement. Social distancing will be followed during those times for now.

Classrooms - Students will be placed in pods; groups that they will stay with throughout the school day.

Rotations - Teachers will rotate to classrooms and teach the students. Students will not move from class to class; only teachers will move.

Bathrooms - Teachers will work with students on bathroom rotations so that there is only one student at a time in the bathroom.

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Lunch - Students will bring their own lunch to school this year and there is no sharing of lunch items. We will have a cart in place for delivery people to place your child's ordered lunch on each day. Please make sure that the vendor labels the bag with your child's name. We will not touch the food and will have the student come by and pick up their food at dismissal for lunch. We will not have any snacks or water available for the students this year. We will take lunch outside when possible. This will allow our students to see each other and still utilize social distancing. We will have an A and B lunch.

Water - Please make sure that the student brings a clear water bottle to the school that they can refill using the RO system provided by the parish.

Athletics and Fine Arts - The Athletic Director and coaches have already established procedures for the athletes. Those protocols will be revisited by the coaches during the first week of school. We have been allowed to hire a Fine Arts teacher who will offer Choir, Ensemble and Music Appreciation to our students this year. We will send protocols out for those classes once we have had time to work with the new person.

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General Safety Measures

Parents will be asked to take an inventory of their child's well being before they attend school. If sick; please keep the student home. We will work with the student to ensure they receive the learning for that day.

Temperature checks will be conducted each morning. Students will be asked to call you and go home if they have a temp higher than 100 degrees.

Students are not to share any items. This includes, but is not limited to school supplies, laptops, charging cords, make up, hair accessories, etc.

No physical contact will be allowed this year. That means that we cannot shake hands or hug each other. (This will be the hardest measure for all of us.)

Washing Hands and Hand Sanitizer

Students will be asked to wash hands frequently and to wash their hands for 20 seconds.

When washing hands is not an option, we will have hand sanitizer, with at least 60 percent alcohol, for them to use. This will be required before and after practices/games and at the beginning and end of school.

We have purchased hand sanitizer for the students to utilize and we will be wiping down areas at different times of the day with disinfecting wipes to mitigate the spread of germs.

We have purchased a spray mister that we will utilize twice a day to ensure the students are coming into an area sanitized and that we leave the area sanitized.

Communication

Please make sure that we have current and working phone numbers and email addresses for your family. You need to check the FACTS parent portal to ensure that your information is correct. We pull our information from that site.

Please join our Remind group <https://www.remind.com/join/hkhhbc>

Your email and Remind are the mode of communication we will utilize to provide you with immediate information from the school.

Student/Staff Test Positive for COVID 19

Protocol for when this happens:

1. Notify Head of School immediately
2. Campus students, parents and teachers will be notified that we have a positive case and HCCHS will begin virtual school immediately following that announcement.
3. HCCHS will remain virtual for 14 days
4. If circumstances permit, HCCHS will begin in-person learning after the 14th day
5. Communication will come from the Head of School as the situations progresses
6. It is important that we respect the privacy of the individual and remember that there is no shaming of that person and/or family. Instead, we will pray for our family.

Symptoms of COVID 19

Though ever evolving, the CDC lists the symptoms as:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/symptom-screening.html>

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of reported symptoms – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to SARS-CoV-2. Symptoms can include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms and children and youth with SARS-CoV-2 infection may experience any, all, or none of these symptoms. (See [Symptoms of Coronavirus](#) for more information).

Student/Staff Exposed to COVID positive case and/or exhibiting symptoms protocol

Protocol for when this happens:

1. Notify Head of School immediately
2. Student/Staff exposed will stay home and begin virtual learning/teaching until the following criteria are met:
 - i. at least one day (24 hours) has passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
 - ii. the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
 - iii. at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either (a) obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis or (b) obtain an acute infection test at an approved testing location (<https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/>) that comes back negative for COVID-19.

References

<https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/covid/SY-20-21-Public-Health-Guidance.pdf>