



# Assumption Catholic School

Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption

## 2021-2022 Opening Plan

- Students will enter through designated doors:
  - Pre-k will enter through the main office door.
  - Kindergarten students will enter through the kindergarten door.
  - Grades 1-6 will enter through the playground doors.
  - Grades 7-8 will enter through the main office door.
- There will be dedicated staircases for each cohort of students.
- Students will be in cohorts:
  - Pre-K
  - Kindergarten - 2nd
  - 3rd - 5th
  - 6th - 8th
- Clubs operate within cohorts.
- Due to the fluid nature of the pandemic, this plan is subject to change to protect our students, teachers and families.

## Social Distancing

- Social distancing is an effective way to prevent potential infection. Assumption Catholic School employees, students, parents, and visitors will practice staying approximately 3 feet away from others and eliminating contact with others.
- Students will have limited movement around the room.
- Social distancing guidance will be enforced and support 3-feet around each student desk.
- We have established separate entrances and exits to school facilities where possible.
- "One way routes" in hallways have been created.
- Social distancing in hallways and common areas have been maintained.
- The number of non-essential interactions between students and staff throughout the school day is minimized.
- We have limited comingling between classes or other groups of students.
- Large group gatherings have been canceled or minimized.
- We have created a system that allows for physical distancing.
- Hand sanitizer is provided at all school entrances and classrooms.
- Signage around the school building provides hygiene advice and reminders.
- We have increased the frequency of cleaning all surfaces, including walls (to the appropriate height based on age of students).
- The number of students in the hallway at the same time has been limited by staggering release from classrooms.
- When weather conditions permit, students will be taken outdoors for recess.

## Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Masks are required at all times for students and employees. Students will have the opportunity to have mask breaks at specific times during the day (when social distancing).
- Hand sanitizer stations will be available around the school.
- In addition to using PPE, students will be reminded to:
  - Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
  - We will provide facemasks when students forget, lose or break.
  - Use hand sanitizer with at least 75% alcohol several times during the day.
  - Avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth.
  - Cover their mouth and nose with a tissue, or use the inside of your elbow, when they cough or sneeze

### Classroom and Common Spaces

- Students will remain in their homeroom class, and the subject teacher will travel to them in grades K - 5. Middle School will continue to meet in their home room until we feel it is safe.
- Teachers will disinfect their own personal workspace (desk, computer, etc.) throughout the day, giving special attention to commonly touched surfaces.

### Classrooms

- Classrooms will be cleaned and sanitized daily by the custodial and maintenance staff.
- Students will be directed under the supervision of their teacher to keep their personal space (including desks, stationary items, etc.) clean.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided in every classroom, in accordance with CDC guidelines.
- Teachers will limit use of supplies and equipment to individual students/one group of children at a time and clean and disinfect between use.
- Each student will be assigned their own electronic devices, so they will not be shared.
- Bins with flaps for secure closure are provided for all students.

### School Entrances, Hallways and Common Spaces

- Face coverings will be required for individuals in line waiting to enter or exit a building.
- The number of non-essential interactions between students and staff throughout the school day will be minimized.
- All frequently used surfaces (including doors, doorknobs and handrails) will be cleaned regularly throughout the school day.
- When needed, students will be called to the office on an individual basis.
- Water Fountains will remain closed. Students are encouraged to bring reusable water bottles to school. Water will be provided when a student forgets.

### Restroom Usage During The School Day.

- Classes will be assigned a specific bathroom and time schedule to use the restroom.
- There will be limited shared use of restrooms.
- Students will maintain social distancing when using the restroom. (Students will follow a room schedule limiting the number of students using the restroom at one time.)
- In addition, of course students will be permitted to use the restroom individually if necessary.

#### Cafeteria and Meal Periods

- Lunch will be on a staggered schedule between 11:15am and 1:15pm and will be held in the school cafeteria. The school will provide students with a limited opportunity to purchase lunch through the school. Each day students will be able to choose from one hot lunch option and one cold lunch option.

#### **\*\*\* Food options will be announced monthly on the lunch calendar \*\*\***

- Students are expected to bring their lunch with them in the morning. No food may be dropped off at the office during the school day.
- Students in grades Pre-K - 2nd will be allowed a morning snack.

#### Communication with Families

- Communication to all school families will continue to be sent regularly and any updates related to Coronavirus will be sent when necessary.
- To stay updated on the most current information, families are encouraged to:
  - Check their email often.
  - Check Remind
  - Visit the school website
  - Check PowerSchool and student's Google Classroom.
  - Communicate any questions or concerns with the student's teacher and/or the administration via Remind or email.
  - Update with school any changes in address and phone numbers.

#### Visitors

- Visitors are not permitted in the school building at this time, unless they make an appointment, wear a mask and provide proof of a negative test result, or a vaccination card.
- Items that need to be brought to the school (packages, students' supplies, correspondence, etc.) will be dropped off with a member of the office staff by ringing the bell at the main entrance.

#### Extracurricular Activities / Before and Aftercare Programs.

- Assumption Catholic School will adhere to all applicable social distancing requirements and hygiene protocol during any extracurricular activities.
- The use of technology and online resources will be maximized if some extracurricular activities are held.
- A cleaning/disinfecting schedule may not allow for in-person gatherings outside regular school hours.
- School Clubs are permitted, keeping students in their cohorts.
- Before and After Care programs are permitted and will be available at this time following social distancing and cleaning guidelines.
- Once the building is vacated (specific hours will be noted) no one may return until school reopens the next day.

#### Virtual Learning

- There will be no virtual learning this year, unless the entire class is quarantined.
- Teachers will post assignments for individual students who need to quarantine. There will be no live meetings during individual quarantine. The first day of their quarantine, the parent needs to notify the nurse and the school office for the student's assignments. Parents should call the office to pick up books at the end of the day.

#### Travel Restrictions

- TRAVEL QUARANTINE - out of state
  - Quarantine for 7 days without symptoms
    - NO TEST NEEDED if you quarantine for 7 days (ONLY IF YOU HAVE NO SYMPTOMS)
  - If you were positive for Covid within the last 3 months or fully vaccinated (last shot 2 weeks ago) prior to travel you do not have to Quarantine upon return.

#### QUARANTINE

- EXPOSURE IN THE BUILDING (CLASS) (individual)
  - Quarantine class and teachers in the class for 10 days
  - If any student or staff were positive 3 months prior to the exposure or fully vaccinated you do not need to Quarantine.
  - All must wear masks as school policy dictates.
- EXPOSURE OUTSIDE (FAMILY)
  - Quarantine exposed student only, NOT class for 10 days.
  - If you are vaccinated, there is no need for quarantine.
  - All must wear masks as school policy dictates.
- POSITIVE TEST (STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER)
  - Quarantine as stated in EXPOSURE IN BUILDING.