

“2020-2021 Safe Return Plan” Addendums (7/31/2020)

The Atonement Academy

i. Dates and Times

Parent-only Orientations - Lower School @ 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5 & Middle/Upper School @ 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 6. These are being held as originally scheduled, but with some additional precautions.

- Parents must RSVP (Mrs. Johnston at cjohnston@atonementonline.com) by noon on the day prior to the event. We will only be able to invite the first 50 respondents to attend in person. We will plan to make a recording of the event available upon request.
- If you will be attending in person, please plan to wear a mask and pass through a temperature check.
- We will not be sharing new information beyond what is available under the green “Safe Return” tab on our website’s homepage.

Supply Drop-off and Meet the Teacher - Friday, August 7.

- Families A-G: 1:00 - 2:00 PM
- Families H-P: 2:00 - 3:00 PM
- Families Q-Z: 3:00 - 4:00 PM
- Middle and Upper locker assignments will also be available

* Note: Parents of remote students may need to come to campus in order to pick up consumables and other teacher-provided supplies. Individual teachers will contact you if this is the case for your student’s grade level or class.

Campus Beautification - Saturday, August 8. We will take advantage of the cool morning hours to get our campus into shape for the start of the year. Plan to join us from 7 to 11:30 a.m. or whenever we finish up. Please RSVP to Mrs. Vale (melissavale09@gmail.com). If you can’t make it, but would like to make a donation toward the beauty of our campus, please connect with Mr. Scott (msscott@atonementonline.com).

Remote Learning Run Through - Monday, August 10. Families who sign up for Remote Learning for the first quarter will receive detailed information about the Run Through next week. On this day, remote classrooms will be introduced, Internet connections confirmed, Remote Learning expectations set, and first assignments given. While Remote Students will have assignments for Wednesday and Thursday (8/12 and 8/13), live video conferencing will not resume until Friday (8/14). This will allow their teachers and on-campus colleagues an opportunity to learn and practice new Safe Return procedures.

~~Cancelled Back-to-School Picnic – Tuesday, August 11.~~ Sorry! While we are prepared to start school on the 12th, we determined that holding an unrequired and by nature unstructured event immediately beforehand would not be wise this year. Thank you for understanding.

First Day of School Staggered Start - Wednesday, August 12. As we have walked through how to achieve maximum safety as a community in the face of real risks, we have returned again and again to the need for good order and communication. In order to assist us in implementing safe practices from Day 1, we are asking parents to assist us to achieve the following “staggered drop-off” on August 12 only.

- 7:45 a.m. PK - 2nd Grade Students
- 8:45 a.m. 3rd Grade - 6th Grade Students
- 9:45 a.m. 7th Grade - 12th Grade Students

Your cooperation in this matter will allow us to ensure that we begin the year in a safe and orderly manner. (Note: We will not have school Masses on the first day of school.) Parents of PK and Kinder students may walk them to their classrooms.

ii. Moving About the Campus

Passing Periods. Middle and Upper scholars will move between classes. We have identified routes and formulated the staggering of travel in such a way that various cohorts of students should have minimal close contact with one another. We will be testing these patterns of movement with teachers during in-service, and then practicing them with students during the first days of school. Individual classroom teachers will also guide students in sanitizing their desk areas after each class.

Holy Mass. We are thankful for Father Lewis and Father Jenkins’ willingness to offer two separate school Masses each day. 6th through 12th grades will attend Mass at 9 a.m. each morning, while PK through 5th grade will attend at 12:45 p.m. each afternoon. This will allow students to occupy only every other pew. Father Jenkins is in the process of recording a video in which he walks through the different ways our clergy are providing for the safety of our scholars and teachers.

Lunches. Lunches will be eaten in classrooms. Our caterer, A Matter of Taste, will be providing boxed lunches for those families who purchase them. The lunches will be delivered to student classrooms. (Note: Drinking fountains will not be available except for the filling of bottles, so students should plan to bring a filled water bottle on a daily basis.)

Carline. Carline will operate as it did last year, but with the following adjustments:

- Morning - Parents driving through the carline are asked not to drive away until their child’s temperature has been taken.

- Afternoon - Students will be in similar positions as last year, but spread out further in the direction of the Piazza exit, and, on the Lower School side, arranged in reverse order (oldest to youngest).
- 7:25 a.m. - We will allow parents to begin drop off 5 minutes earlier than last year to permit time for temperature checks.

* An updated carline document will be uploaded to our website shortly.

Physical Education and Athletics. PE will utilize measures that ensure a healthy environment for all student-athletes. Over the Summer, hand sanitizer stations were installed throughout the gym for use by all of our students during the course of a regular PE class. The locker rooms, bathrooms, gym floor, and bleachers are being disinfected by a fogger nightly by the Atonement coaching staff. All PE equipment used will be disinfected before and after each use. A few protocols to follow heading into the new school year:

- Grades Pre-K-5th will be required to have gym uniform on under their school uniform. They will not be allowed to use the locker rooms due to social distancing and the class size. This is also due to the average time it takes for these age groups to change in and out of their gym clothes.
- Grades 6th-8th will have locker room access in small groups and will be spread out in the locker rooms to ensure physical distancing.

Students will be placed in assigned spots on the gym floor to begin each class. Students will be spaced out six feet apart. Face masks will be required indoors, especially when in locker rooms and close spaces. During warm-ups or exercises, students will be allowed to pull face mask down below their mouths to breathe more efficiently. There will be no water fountain access without a water bottle, though they may use the fountain to refill their water bottles.

Coach Vidal will be sending out a letter in the next few days that will not only provide more detail, but will cover protocols surround Athletics competitions and practices.

Music. Music is an integral aspect of the Academy's tradition. Fortunately, with two capable instructors this year—look for introductions in next week's *Crusader Times*—and a wide variety of rehearsal spaces, we will be able to keep choir cohorts small in number and well-distanced. When possible, choir class may even take place outside. Singing in Mass, when it occurs, will be performed by small, distanced groups in the loft.

Library. Mrs. Wendtland will be sharing the library's specific Safe Return protocols via letter in the coming days.

iii. Personal Protection

Student Training on First Day of Class. Teachers will use the first class on the first day to go over the various protocols to ensure students and the spaces they will occupy while on campus remain as safe as possible.

Sanitation. In addition to its regular cycle of cleaning, our janitorial contractor (Green Works) will be sanitizing high-touch surfaces during the day. Additionally, we will be utilizing an antiviral “fogger” machine throughout the buildings at the end of each day, as well as in-between each PE class.

Masks. We are asking that masks which you supply your student be of cloth or similar material, neutral or school colors, and cover the nose and mouth.

PK and Kinder Mask Details. We have some concern that our youngest students may have trouble keeping their face masks in place as they go about their days. Therefore, we will allow PK and Kinder students, at their parents’ discretion, to attend school with a transparent face shield in place of a mask. (NB: Face shields should cover the entire face area.)

Safe Return Supplies for Lower School. Families of Lower School students are asked to supply the following in addition to the normal supply list:

- Black Crate - 17 1/4" L x 14 1/4" W x 10 5/8 " H - Walmart sells them for \$3.77.
- Canister of Clorox Disinfecting Wipes (if possible)
- Antibacterial Hand Wipes
- Box of Tissue
- 8 oz or Larger Hand Sanitizer
- 2 Large Designer Command Hooks (white plastic) 5lbs rated. (Walmart sells them in multi packs or individually; they cost \$2.38 each.)
- Water Bottle

Teacher Protection. As stated in the "Safe Return Plan" (6/30/2020), our teachers will wear face masks during the school day. On occasion, when, an oral instruction or explanation requires special precision, and a teacher is able to maintain distance from his or her students, that teacher may temporarily utilize a transparent face shield instead.

iv. Provisions for Continuous Improvement

Safe Return Committee. Our Safe Return Committee (made up of faculty and staff) will continue to meet weekly as the year begins in order to recommend ongoing improvements to the safe operation of the campus.

v. Points of Contact

Remote Learning - Mr. Creech (jcreech@atonementonline.com)

Enrollment in Remote Learning - Mrs. Powell (apowell@atonementonline.com)

Safe Return Matters - Dr. Tovar (health@atonementonline.com)

Safe Return Supplies and Donations - Ms. Nieto (anieto@atonementonline.com)

General Questions - Mrs. Johnston (cjohnston@atonementonline.com)