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2021-2022 Reopening Plan

As Apostles of Hope we are committed to reopening our school with the purpose of providing our students and staff with a healthy and safe learning environment to the greatest extent possible. By working together, we will continue to provide a Catholic education that nourishes respect for individual diversity, fosters cooperative learning, promotes global awareness, and instills 21st century skills needed in today's society.

SSPJ School will maintain safety protocols established by

- The Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
- The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH)
- The Suffolk County Department of Health (SCDOH)
- The Diocese of Rockville Centre
- We will maintain communication with all local and state authorities and will monitor and adjust protocols as conditions change throughout the school year
- If transmission levels rise, our school will be prepared for all contingencies.
- If transmission levels decline, our school will be prepared to remove mask requirements and other COVID-19 procedures and protocols

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR SSPJ SCHOOL

1. All students will return to school in person. (There will be no option for remote learning as per DRVC Education Department.) Google classrooms will be established and utilized when/if needed.
2. Grades 5 - 8 will be in the Monte building. Nursery-grade 4 will be in the Main building. All students will maintain at least 3 feet of separation when possible.
3. Students will have full use of the Library, Computer lab, Art room, Science Lab, and auditorium.
4. Students will use cubbies, lockers and desks. Textbooks and supplies may be kept in school.

5. All afterschool activities will resume with universal masking and social distancing precautions in place.
6. All students and staff will wear masks while inside the building and on the bus regardless of vaccination status, except when eating. Periodic mask breaks will be provided as directed by the teacher. **No Masks Required Outside** (*individuals may voluntarily wear a mask at any time*)
7. Our Lunch Program will be reinstated. All lunch orders must be placed through Fooddays.com. Grades 5 - 8 will eat lunch in the auditorium with students spaced 6 feet apart during two separate lunch periods. (Disposable bags and plastic water bottles are suggested for students bringing lunch.)
8. Kindergarten - Grade 4 will start the year eating lunch in the classrooms with students spaced 6 feet apart. (Disposable bags and plastic water bottles are suggested.)
9. Classes are encouraged to spend time outside while learning on school grounds, weather permitting.
10. Windows and doors will remain open with fans on throughout the year to provide fresh air in the buildings.
11. All areas will be cleaned on an ongoing basis as was done during the previous school year.
12. Any questions regarding potential quarantines will be addressed by the administration and school nurse, according to specified guidelines and acceptable practice.
13. Students, faculty and staff will follow appropriate distancing guidelines at all times. (minimum of 3 feet when possible)
14. Frequent hand washing and appropriate hygiene will be fostered. Hand sanitizer is available in all classrooms and public spaces.
15. No quarantining if masks were worn properly. No routine temperature checks.
16. Parents are urged to monitor their children's physical condition carefully. Any student or adult with a fever, cough, or upset stomach must stay home. A person with a family member with pending COVID test results must stay home.

VACCINATIONS.....VISITORS.....VOLUNTEERS

- The CDC recommends all persons eligible for the COVID-19 Vaccine (12 years +) become vaccinated.
- Vaccination is at the discretion of the adult in parental supervision of students eligible for vaccinations.
- Unvaccinated individuals must adhere to all Federal and State requirements.
- Visitors and volunteers will once again be limited and all must adhere to guidelines regarding vaccinations and masks.

- Chaperoning opportunities will emerge as guidelines for field trips and special projects are announced.
- Anyone wishing to volunteer or chaperone is required to have Virtus certification.

TRANSPORTATION

- Buses, provided by school districts, are being routed at full capacity, anticipating a full return to school by all.
- Universal masking for students and the driver will be mandatory.
- Assigned seating and attendance charts will be maintained for contact tracing purposes.

QUARANTINING..... REPORTING.....TRACING

- Fully vaccinated people who have been in close contact with someone who has had Covid -19 but do not experience symptoms do not need to quarantine, but should get tested 3-5 days following exposure. Unvaccinated people should be tested and must quarantine for a minimum of 10 days with or without symptoms.
- SSPJ will continue to report positive cases to the community. Please report positive Covid cases or close contact with a positive case, to the principal.
- Students who are separated by three feet and are masked are not considered close contacts.
- The emotional wellbeing of our students is of the utmost importance. School staff is available to identify and support students and families who need assistance. Social and emotional support will continue to be provided to all students.
- We appreciate your support and cooperation with our health and safety protocols that have been established to ensure that we continue to provide in-person instruction in a safe and healthy environment.

Guidance/protocols are subject to change as warranted. You will continue to be updated and notified of these changes.