



MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL

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Mount Carmel School's Frequently Asked Questions

FAQs Regarding Safety	
If a COVID19 vaccine were to be released during the school year, will students be required to take the vaccine?	When a vaccine becomes available for children and adults, all MCS students and employees will be required to be vaccinated and provide an official record of their vaccination.
What time does drop off and pick up start?	Morning Drop-Off starts as early as 7:00am. Afternoon Pick-Up will begin at 2:30pm or when school officials arrive at their stations. Students will not be permitted on campus without appropriate screening.
Will students be required to wear gloves and a mask?	All students and employees are required to wear a mask when on campus. Gloves are optional.
Will student's temperatures be screened every day?	Yes, upon arrival all students, parents, and guests will be required to have their temperatures taken prior to entering any building on campus. Any individual with a temperature of more than 100.4 or higher will not be permitted on campus.
Will our children be able to walk home? Or is it mandatory for them to be picked up?	Mount Carmel School does not encourage students to walk home from school during this pandemic. We highly recommend that students be picked up at school by a parent or guardian. Parents permitting their children to walk home must inform the school prior to the start of face-to-face classes. Please email our school principal Ms. Frances Taimanao at frances.taimanao@mcsknights.com .
Are parents allowed to drop off lunch or do students need to bring it upon dropping in the morning	Parents are allowed to drop off lunch so long as they bring it to the Main Office. Parents are not allowed to walk to their child's homeroom. School officials will notify the student to pick up their lunch from the Main Office.



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<p>Where will students have break and lunch?</p>	<p>All students will take their break and lunch in their respective classrooms.</p>
<p>How many students will be in one classroom?</p>	<p>Following the guidelines and procedures from the Governor’s COVID-19 Task Force, each classroom will have less than 70% of the maximum capacity based on the square footage of each respective classroom.</p>
<p>Will there be extended care available for parents who can’t pick up their child after 3:00pm?</p>	<p>At this time, extended care is not available. All students are to be picked up on time on early dismissal times (12:00 Noon) and at regular times (3:00 PM).</p>
<p>Will there be a canteen?</p>	<p>To prevent students from congregating, MCS will not have a canteen this year.</p>
<p>Will breakfast and lunch be available for purchase?</p>	<p>Yes, students will be able to purchase breakfast and lunch during face-to-face synchronous sessions. However, food will be brought to each respective classroom in the elementary grade-levels.</p> <p>For the upper grade-levels, teachers will designate a student to pick up breakfast and lunch platters from the cafeteria and bring it to their classroom.</p> <p>However, parent must inform their student’s homeroom teacher that they’d like to place a meal order for their child.</p> <p>Payment can be made at the Business Office or over the phone (235-1201/51).</p>
<p>Will students be transferring to their classes between periods?</p>	<p>No, teachers will move from class to class for each period.</p>
<p>Does Mount Carmel School offer online payments?</p>	<p>No, not at this time. The Business Office is in the process of establishing this method of payment. However, if authorized, parents can make payments over the phone with the school accountants. Call 235-1201/51.</p>



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<p>How do you plan to deal with people who refuse to wear masks or face shields?</p>	<p>Students who refuse to wear masks or face shield will be asked to leave campus by parents picking them up at the waiting/containment room.</p>
<p>My child has a hard time wear his/her mask for a long time, what does MCS recommend?</p>	<p>We will allow students to wear a face shield in place of a face mask.</p>
<p>I have children in different grade-levels, which gate do I choose to line up for after school pick-up?</p>	<p>We recommend that parents line up at the gate closest to their youngest child. Plan with your oldest child to get their younger siblings from their classrooms and line up for that gate. We also recommend communicating with your student’s homeroom teachers to inform them who your oldest child is and that they will retrieve their sibling at the end of every school day.</p>
<p>If there is a positive case, how long will the school transition back to remote online learning?</p>	<p>Mount Carmel School will work closely with the Governor’s COVID-19 Task Force to determine how long the school should transition back to remote learning.</p>
<p>We are a new family to Mount Carmel School and my child is in K4-1st grade, can I escort my child to their homeroom?</p>	<p>We ask that only one parent escort their child to avoid congestion in the hallways. Parents will not be allowed to wait in the classroom after dropping them to their homerooms. We ask that parents return back to their cars as soon as their child is safely in their homeroom.</p>
<p>I’ve read different kinds of information regarding the UVC lighting fixtures, are the fixtures safe? What happens if the fixture malfunctions?</p>	<p>The lighting fixtures we’ve invested in are safe. Our fixtures are purchased from AMPAC. Ltd. One of the leading distributors for fire detection and alarm system for commercial, industrial, and multi-residential complexes.</p> <p>The fixtures have been placed 7 feet above the ground to ensure no direct exposure occurs. As part of its design, the light is directed upwards towards the ceiling to also prevent direct exposure.</p> <p>The light fixture is linked in with the classroom lights. If there is a malfunction, the instructor</p>



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	<p>simply needs to turn off the classroom lights and MCS will contact the AMPAC representative for troubleshooting. In an unlikely event that the fixture falls, the machine is designed to automatically turn off.</p> <p>More information is available on the Hygeaire Brochure which is available on our school website.</p>
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Mount Carmel School FAQs Regarding Learning	
Has early dismissal been changed from Wednesday to Monday?	On Monday's, classes end at 12pm for all grade levels. Faculty members will participate in professional developments between 1:30pm – 4:00pm. However, classes for students in K5-12 th grade will end at 3:00PM
Is there an updated supply list for this school year?	Yes, the school supply lists are available on the Mount Carmel School website, www.mountcarmelsaipan.com .
If I'm not comfortable with my child doing face-to-face classes, can my daughter/son continue taking classes online?	A review of this request would be done on a case-by- case basis. Please work with the School Principal as many factors are involved in making a decision with such a request.
Where can I find the official Bell Schedules, School Calendar, and COVID-19 Policies and Procedures?	The official Bell Schedules, School Calendar, and COVID-19 Policies and Procedures are available on the Mount Carmel School website, www.mountcarmelsaipan.com .
What if my child does not have uniform?	Students are still required to wear the school's uniforms. However, if the Business Office is out of stock of certain sizes, students should at least wear a blue shirt. During face-to-face instruction, students are still expected to wear khaki pants.
Is K4 face-to-face Monday to Friday? And how do we know if our child is in the AM or PM session?	No, K4 is only Monday to Thursday . A notice will be sent a week in advance letting parents know which group their child has been placed for that day:



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	<p>Monday to Thursday’s Schedule: AM Group- 7:30 AM - 11:00 AM PM Group- 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM.</p> <p>Each K4 session will alternate between Mondays every week since it is half day.</p> <p>Friday classes for K4 – 6th Grade are all asynchronous online classes.</p>
<p>Will you be offering clubs such as Chamorro or Theater clubs?</p>	<p>School clubs have not been revoked. It is the activities of the club that are suspended until further notice.</p>
<p>What is the procedure if a student needs to take a class that isn’t the same as their cohort?</p>	<p>This will be handled on a case-to-case basis with the vice principal. Only specific students with special course requirements will be issued a hall pass to walk to their next lesson.</p>

Other Frequently Asked Questions

<p>When can we pay for the School Year tuition?</p>	<p>Payments are due every first of the month with a 14-day grace period. In order to avoid any late fees, the last day to make payment is on the 15th of every month.</p>
<p>Are PE uniforms and polos available at the Business Office?</p>	<p>Due to a delay in shipment, there are limited sizes for specific PE shirts and polos. Mount Carmel School will announce when more PE shirts and polos are available for purchase.</p>