BACK TO SCHOOL

FALL 2020

Re-Opening Policies and Procedures
for St. Peter Claver Catholic School
Parents and Scholars
WELCOME BACK!

Dear St. Peter Claver Families:
Thank you for entrusting us with the education of your children. We are grateful to be walking beside you on this path.

How SPC will begin the 2020-21 school year:
1. Grades 3-8 will be distance learning.
2. Grades K-2 will distance learn with the option to be in the school buildings because of the foundational learning that happens in these grades. Families will choose one mode for the first trimester. Families will need to provide transportation for their children.
3. We will take attendance twice each day, and in every class for middle school.
4. For K-2 children in the buildings, if families are working and have no alternative, our regular K-2 after-school program will be available for a fee until 5 p.m.
5. We will ensure all children will have access to food and technology as needed.
6. We will re-evaluate on Oct. 15 and make a plan for Trimester 2.

Groups of administrators and teachers are putting together the best systems for delivering the excellent education that you expect from our schools. We are building on the successes we had in spring and learning from the challenges we experienced.

We believe that all people are precious. Protecting the well-being and health of our scholars and families must go hand in hand with providing excellent, faith-based education.

"The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will care for you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering or give you unfailing strength to bear it."

- St. Francis de Sales
our instructional vision

Whether scholars are learning in the building or at home, we stay committed to our instructional vision to:

- Cultivate Catholic faith and integrate religious teachings;
- Plan, deliver, and adapt consistent opportunities for scholars to work on grade-appropriate assignments;
- Deliver strong instruction, where scholars do most of the thinking in a lesson;
- Engage scholars deeply in what they are learning;
- Hold high expectations for scholars and believe they can meet grade level standards;
- Create and sustain an effective and nurturing learning environment.
- Teachers will plan and implement units of study that reflect our instructional vision.

ACADEMICS AND LEARNING SUPPORTS

Teachers will be accessible from 7 a.m - 3 p.m. each school contact day. Parent phone calls and meetings can be scheduled outside of this time as needed.

Teachers and scholars will create class expectations for virtual and in-person learning that include a commitment to health practices.

Group work and collaboration will continue for scholars with the help of technology, social distancing, and partitions.

Scholars will have individual workspaces in the classroom with their own set of supplies, technology, books, and materials.

Scholars must wear their uniforms in school. If learning at home, scholars should dress in clothes appropriate for out-of-uniform days.

Staff will continue to support scholar learning: specialist classes, tutors and Title reading teachers, counselors, and social workers, and aides.

Parents and guardians are our partners, and academic progress will be regularly reported to and discussed with guardians.

Three methods will be used to assess scholar learning—classroom activities and tasks, online learning platforms, and standardized testing.

We will monitor progress weekly to identify scholars who need extra support in ELA and Math as well as to celebrate and build on achievement.

Teachers will use data to help scholars set individual learning goals and to identify skills and concepts that need to be addressed in their instruction.
our shared commitment

HEALTH AND SAFETY

St. Peter Claver Catholic School is committed to implementing best practices to support the health and safety of its scholars, staff and school families. **To make our efforts most effective, it is essential that ALL of our community members partner with us in keeping our community in good health.** While people have the right to their opinions, ALL members of our school community must adhere to our school guidelines.

WHAT WE WILL DO:

- **HEALTH SCREENINGS**
  All scholars and staff will be screened for a fever as well as other COVID-related symptoms.

- **HAND WASHING**
  Hand-washing hygiene will be done multiple times a day as part of daily instruction.

- **RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE**
  Norms for containing coughs and sneezes in the school building will be implemented.

- **FREQUENT SANITATION**
  High-touch surfaces and shared equipment will be cleaned and sanitized frequently.

WHAT WE ARE ASKING YOU TO DO:

- **KEEP SOCIALLY DISTANT**
  All scholars must stay in class groupings and 6 feet apart in classrooms

- **STUDENTS WITH SYMPTOMS**
  Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 or who has tested positive for the virus must stay home.

- **PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY**
  Please join us in praying for the health of our scholars, families and staff.

- **RESPECT AND CHARITY**
  Demonstrate and model inclusivity of all people, and act with honesty and humility.
prepared for flexibility

We planned three learning scenarios for the 2020-21 school year: Distance learning, in-school learning, and a combination of the two. This approach ensures that we are prepared to shift at any time based on guidance from Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, the Minnesota Department of Health and the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. We will be regularly evaluating the situation, and we have the flexibility to shift at any time should circumstances require it.

putting policies into practice

IN-SCHOOL SAFETY MEASURES

New arrival and dismissal procedures will limit the opportunity for large groups to gather.

There will be no large-group gatherings on our school campus until further notice.

Cloth face masks are mandatory except during recess, outdoor classes, while eating, and during short breaks at least every 90 minutes.

Family members will not be allowed in the building during the school day for drop off and pick up.

Hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout the school and used regularly.

Breakfast and lunch will be delivered to and eaten in classrooms.

All visitors will be limited. All will be screened upon entering the building, and where they can go will be limited depending on purpose of visit.

Innovative technology will allow scholars at home and in the building to participate in real time during live instruction.

Mass will be celebrated virtually each week. Religion class will remain in classroom schedule for all grade levels.

The number of scholars using the playground at one time will be limited, and all equipment will be sanitized regularly.
WHEN SHOULD YOUR CHILD STAY HOME?

What does exposure mean?
Close contact with someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 from 48 hours before the person began feeling sick until the time the patient was isolated. Close contact includes:
- been within 6 feet of that person for at least 15 minutes.
- shared food or utensils.
- had physical contact such as touching, hugging, or kissing.

If someone is symptomatic, then their siblings and household members will also stay home for 14 days.

If a scholar who is attending school in-person or a teacher has a confirmed positive case of COVID-19, the entire class will need to quarantine at home and attend school remotely for 14 days since last contact with the infected person.

What does it mean to be symptomatic?
- A fever higher than 100.0 degrees.
- OR new onset cough or shortness of breath without another explanation.
- OR at least 2 of the following symptoms without another diagnosis: chills, muscle pain, sore throat, fatigue, congestion, loss of sense of smell or taste, or gastrointestinal symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, or nausea.