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St. Gregory Return to School Policies and Procedures Safety Protocols

Safety is of utmost importance as we plan for our continuation of in-person learning during the 2021-2022 school year. Our traditional classroom space continues to be arranged to provide a safe social distance between students whether at desks or tables. Safety sneeze guards are available in each classroom as an additional

Facilities and Operations

Classrooms- In creating an environment safe and socially distanced, the following accommodations will be made to the traditional classroom space based upon the recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

- Desks/tables will be spaced a minimal distance of 3 feet apart or utilize other school spaces that allow for social distancing.
- Student transitions from class to class will be scheduled to minimize cross classroom student interaction
- Teachers and staff will sanitize classroom on a daily basis. Lunch tables and chairs will be cleaned and sanitized between lunch periods
- At all times, sanitation stations will be available for student and staff use.

Face Coverings

- In accordance with the Order Requiring Universal Face Coverings, students and adults are required to wear masks during the school day.
- Students and staff of all ages, will be asked to wear a face mask.
The universal face covering order requires individuals over the age of two (2) to wear a “face covering” unless they have a documented medical or mental health condition or disability, documented in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or IDEA....”



Morning and Dismissal Procedures – Dismissal

We have reviewed our entry and exit protocols and they are as follows:

Car Riders

- Parents are to drop off their child(ren) at a designated door. Face coverings are required if you assist your child getting out of the vehicle. Parents may not enter the building. Students will be given a temperature screening. Students must have a temperature of 99.9 degrees or less to attend school.
 - The school day officially begins at 8:30 a.m. Face coverings are required for entry. (DOH guidance)
 - Current student entry sites:
 - Preschool, Pre- Kindergarten & Kindergarten – rear drive door
 - Level 1 & 2 – East side - enter through the front doors
 - Level 3 & 4 – East side – enter through the east side door
 - Busses drop off on East Side - students enter designated grade level door.
 - Students arriving after 8:30 must enter the front main doors and will be screened by office personnel.
- Safety checks will be conducted by a staff member upon entry into the school building. Checks consists of staff taking the child's temperature with a non-touch thermometer.
- Students will proceed to their designated homerooms. Upon entering each homeroom students will follow classroom safety protocols.

Students Leaving Early for an Appointment or Illness

- Parents/guardians picking up students due to an appointment/illness should call the main office upon arrival in the parking lot. School staff will escort children outside and dismiss to the parent.
- Anyone entering the building or arriving at the front door are required to have a face mask.
- Please try to limit the number of appointments during the school day.

Attendance

- Students experiencing one or more of the following should stay home: Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, loss of smell or loss of taste.
- Students experiencing two or more of the following symptoms should stay home: fever, chills, rigors, myalgia, headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or running nose or are taking fever reducing medicine.

- If you have traveled, or plan a family vacation to travel, to an area where there are high amounts of COVID-19 cases, it is recommended that you stay at home, “quarantine” for 14 days upon return to Pennsylvania. Please consult the Pennsylvania Department of Health Website for updates on “hot spots”. www.health.pa.gov Saint Gregory School will provide students who this effect with assignments through “Class Dojo”

Dismissal

- Routine will follow normal protocol with dismissing students by classrooms out their designated doors.

Volunteers

- During this time of COVID-19, in order to help mitigate spread and provide a safe environment for our students, we will suspend all volunteers during the school day. We will review and update as protocols and guidelines change

Transportation

- All busing routes, schedules and procedures come from your home school district. Once transportation from our local districts is communicated to us, we will release further details to our families. Students will have their temperature checked upon arrival to school, will have their hands sanitized and are to report directly to their classroom.

Reporting COVID-19 Exposure

Anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 should contact their primary care provider and depending on their access to care, they will be given testing instructions. In reporting an absence, parents and staff are to provide reasons for the absence and indicate the symptoms exhibited. Families and staff members must notify the school

- if they have been diagnosed with COVID-19,
- if they have been exposed to someone diagnosed with COVID-19,
- or if someone in their immediate household is presumed to have COVID-19.

Students and staff should follow the PA Department of Health guidelines for school attendance and remittance to school after a positive COVID-19 diagnosis including self-quarantine for fourteen (14) days, significant improvement in respiratory and gastrointestinal symptoms.



Remote Learning

As of 11/12/20 information from the Pennsylvania Governor's office indicates that there will not be a mandatory state wide closure of schools. Schools will make the decision to close based upon local data of percentage of cases within the geographic area and/or within the actual school student and staff population.

In the event that Saint Gregory School has to close temporarily due to actual cases of Covid-19 or high percentages of Covid-19, within the local community, students will receive academic instruction remotely.

***We ask that families be prepared with a personal plan in case this situation arises.**

In the event of remote learning:

All students in Levels k-4 will receive an iPad for their use during this remote learning phase.

- Teachers will provide a detailed schedule of instruction which will consist of:
 - Zoom sessions
 - Lesson assignments on Class Dojo
 - Messaging and grading through Class Dojo and QuickSchools, along with school email and parent broadcasts.

Attendance

Students/parents will be expected to report their attendance by completing assignments on Class Dojo and attending zoom sessions.

Class Instruction – Students will be required to meet daily with their teachers. Schedules will be provided in relationship to meeting times and content areas.

Class DoJo

- Instruction happenings and assignments through the DoJo.

Zoom

- Virtual meetings with student's class
- Zoom Protocols and Expectations will be sent at the time of the iPad distribution.

Instructional Packets- may be used as part of remote learning

Communication through Emails and Class DoJo will be used to provide updates, parent information and ongoing St. Gregory News and Information.

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