

Saint Gregory School Return to School Routines

“Celebrating Life in a World of Opportunities”

Saint Gregory School welcomes the 2020-2021 school year with new practices and routines. We ask that all parents adhere to the following routines. As we move through the school year, procedures and routines are subject to change.

We are making changes to ensure the safety of students and staff. We can minimize the spread of Covid-19 but cannot guarantee that at some point the school may have a case. Please see the attachments for more information on closure.

Arrival - will be drop off at designated sites
All Car riders will need to be dropped off at the designated spot - there is no parking of cars for morning drop off.

Students riding cars will be dropped off at designated spots.

- All car rider vehicles will enter school property on the drive on the west side of the school by the Country Fair.
- There will be 2 traffic lanes one for cars, one for buses.
- School staff will be outside directing traffic and checking temperatures.
- Students in preschool, pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten will be dropped off at the back door.

- Students should have masks on while in the car.
- A staff person will take a temperature check of the student at the car.
- Students should be prepared for a quick exit from their vehicle.
- A student with a temperature of 99.9 or higher will not be permitted to attend school that day.
- Students in grades 1-8 (Levels 1-4) will drop off at the school's east side door.
- The parking lot area adjacent to the east door will be blocked off during the day.
- The driveway will be blocked off after drop-off at 8:30a.m. As school officially begins at 8:30, and there will be no through traffic in the back driveway during school hours.
- Students arriving late will be checked at the main entrance. Parents will not be permitted to enter the building.

Classrooms

- Students will be seated in all classrooms at desks or tables socially distanced 6 feet apart.
- Students will be expected to wear masks at all times while in the classrooms except during scheduled “ 10 minute masks breaks.”
- Students will be expected to wear masks outside except during “10 minute mask breaks.”
- Students should have their own personal mask. (The school has a supply of face masks in case of emergency.)
- Each classroom is equipped with a face shield for each student along with a tri-fold desk/area guard.
 - All classroom windows will be opened.
 - Classrooms may use fans to pull in clean air.

- Backpacks will be used to house most of the student's materials. *Please no toys or non-school items should be brought to school.
- The water fountains are not accessible at school therefore students should bring a filled water bottle. There will be a time during the day where homeroom teachers will refill water bottles. Students may bring several disposable water bottles but will need to take the empty bottles home.
- Academic instruction will also take place outside.

Outside Learning Space/ Dressing for the Weather

- Students will be going outside during the school day as much as possible. Students should dress for the weather.
 - Students should wear sunscreen protection.
 - Sneakers or sturdy shoes should be worn along with socks.
- We ask that all students have a beach towel to be used for sitting with social distance.
- Classes will be using the pavement, pavilion, front lawns, athletic field and all of the school's outside property on a daily basis.
- FRIDAY -is designated as "Opportunity Day". Students and staff are permitted to wear their new theme shirt and jeans.

Lunch Routines

- There will be 2 lunch periods. The first lunch begins at 11:55 and include preschool/pre-kindergarten students who stay for the afternoon, Kindergarten and Level 1.
 - Students will be assigned a permanent seat for lunch.
 - Students will need to bring their own utensils and napkins.

- There will be no use of microwaves.
- We ask that students/parents prepare a lunch that is easy to eat for the child and packaged so the child can independently open containers and lunch items.
- All tables and chairs will be disinfected between lunch sessions.
- The second lunch period begins at 12:30 and includes levels 2,3 and 4.
- Students will wash/disinfect hands before and after lunch and several times throughout the day.

Visitors

- Saint Gregory School is not permitting any visitors in the building.
- There are no volunteers at Saint Gregory School at this time.
- Parents who are dropping off students late or picking students up early, outside of regular dismissal time are to call the office and wait outside the front entrance. Your child will be screened and then admitted by office personnel or dismissed from school through the front door.

Dismissal

Morning Preschool/PreK

Dismissal will occur from the back door for busses and from the main entrance and east entrance.

Morning preschool/prekindergarden will be dismissed out the front of the building main door at 12:00 noon. Parents are permitted to park in the east side parking lot. Teachers will dismiss the child to their parent outside.

- Bus riders will be dismissed 1st starting at 3:15.

- Buses will be from North East, Harborcreek, Wattsburg and Ripley NY.
- After the last bus is dismissed, car riders and walkers will be dismissed.
- Parents who are picking students up will do so on the east side parking lot/ lawn area.
- Parents should remain by their cars or behind the coned off area.
 - Each grade level from Kindergarten through Level 4 will be released one class at a time.
 - There will be no game playing or running around at dismissal time.
- Once a child exits the building he/she should go immediately to the parent.
 - Families should then exit school property.
 - Parents with several children will need to keep their children together while waiting for other siblings to be dismissed.
- There will be no re-entry into the school once a child is dismissed.
- Teachers will not be able to conference with parents at dismissal time.