

Returning to Campus FAQ's October 5, 2020

As general questions regarding the re-opening of in-person instruction come into us, we will continue to keep you updated. Below are a few of our most recent received.

Drop off and Pick up

When Grades 2-5 return on Monday, October 12, we'll once again return to a more formal drop off and pick up carpool routine. An updated map was sent home last week, but may also be viewed [HERE](#). Please make sure that anyone driving your family is familiar with the pattern.

ALL entering traffic (before and after school) must enter via the driveway off S. Ryan St. and travel down the hill between the parish offices and the former convent. Morning arrivals are subject to a daily health screening and temperature check. If you have completed and returned the [Pre-Check Symptom Disclaimer](#), you are free to drop off your child via the regular routine. If you have not returned the form or you need to physically deliver an item to the office, please park your vehicle WEST of the basketball hoops and walk your PK-5 Grade child to the school entry door. Check-ins will begin at 8:10am in order to complete arrivals prior to the 8:30am tardy bell. Grades 6-8, once they begin classes, will be screened on the middle school porch. All morning vehicle traffic exits the playground down the NORTH hill driveway out onto 57th Ave S.

In the afternoon, once your car is on the playground, you have three options. (1) PK ONLY will queue up along the SOUTH side of the building, following the yellow line. Please leave room for cars exiting before you to pass by on the right. PK ONLY will exit onto 57th via this limited driveway after signing their child out. (2) Following the old dismissal routine, Grade 1-8 cars may either a) queue up in one of two lanes between the middle school portables and the basketball hoops, or b) You may also choose to park directionally facing EAST in the area WEST of the hoops. Once these cars have halted, students will be allowed to board. (3) If you are picking up a Kindergartener, those children will be found in their current dismissal location near Romans Hall.

At first, this may sound confusing, but staff will be available to assist. The varied dismissal points are necessitated by Covid distancing protocol. We ask everyone's patience in walking through this the first few days and for each of us to make the effort to maintain healthy spacing.

If You Choose to Keep Your Child Home

For the families who will choose to remain at home and not attend in-person instruction, please know that we fully respect your decision and we will do our best to ensure that materials are sent home. The limited time and resources here make it difficult to offer the same kind of digital learning we have been doing thus far. As we get into a better routine here at school it is possible that this plan will shift, but for now this is what we can and cannot provide:

Duration of Your Decision:

If you are choosing to remain home, this decision impacts student groupings and staffing. For that reason, we are not able to accommodate any changes until the end of the current trimester – November 16. Your child will need to remain in remote instruction until then.

Video Recorded Lessons:

There are no additional cameras in the classrooms and so at this time, no live instruction or recorded videos will be available to students working from home.

Digital Content:

If classes are working on an assignment through Google Classroom, that opportunity will also be available to your student. Unfortunately, teachers will not be able to create additional digital content for those learning remotely. Google Classroom work will be limited as we shift to classroom learning.

Weekly Lessons:

For the few who will continue to work from home, teachers will attempt to create a weekly packet of materials for each student with some suggested plans. An arrangement will need to be made with your child's homeroom teacher to pick these packets up from school. Completed packets from the previous week should be dropped off at this time. Lessons will cover Reading, Writing, and Math and will act as their grades for the trimester. Due to the fluidity of in-person instruction, it is likely your student will not be working on the same lessons/assignments we are.

Assessments:

Teachers will be reaching out to families individually to schedule zoom assessments for both Reading and Math throughout our time apart. This will help guide the weekly packets.

If A Family / Student Travels

If a student or family travels and they did not travel to a named "hot spot," upon returning back at school and can answer "no" to having any of the symptoms on the symptom list and do not have an elevated temperature, they are permitted to attend school. The only time a student would be prevented from attending is when they live in a household with someone who has tested positive and/or they exhibit symptoms themselves.

General Protocol

St. Paul School is following all the "back to school" guidelines developed by King Co. and the State regarding distancing and disinfecting. The general rule of thumb includes six foot distances between student desks. Masks are worn throughout the day, save for snacks and

lunch. Lunch is eaten in the classrooms and each student needs to bring their own. Moving through the hallways is staggered and directional, with six-foot guidance stickers on the floor. Bathrooms are controlled for the number of student and/or adult occupancy at any one time. Recesses are staggered and areas are designated to minimize any crossover.

Cleaning

While a regular schedule for periodic wiping of surfaces occurs throughout each day, Fridays are the day that our maintenance staff can do the intensive, thorough cleaning of the entire campus without needing to go back and re-clean every time a class uses an area. The schedule for regular wiping of surfaces - including the big toy - is organized as directed by King Co. and the Archdiocese. On attendance days, staff arrive at 7:00am and begin wiping, cleaning and disinfecting areas multiple times until 4pm including the big toy between uses.

All the wipes and supplies we have now on site were ordered through the state consortium of public and private schools specifically for Covid response. Hand sanitizer is the State Health Dept. approved and purchased rinse-free gel with 75% alcohol. The current shipment is brand-named Lonstin.

More cleaning information is covered in our [Returning to School](#) document found on the school website. Every bit of our consideration is informed by King County and the state Health Dept., just as it is for any of our schools. These guidelines are reviewed almost daily and adjusted as needed. Contact tracing follows the specific step-by-step procedure as outlined in those documents.

Masses, Liturgies and Assemblies

Once more of our students return on site, we'll continue to keep numbers down in church as per archdiocesan seating and disinfecting guidelines. Most likely we'll only have one or two grades attend at any one time. Classes who do not attend will watch Mass online in their homeroom. If a child's class is assigned to go, that child should go with them.

Large scale events with adults present are still not allowed during this current Covid phase. As restrictions are lifted, we'll seek to reschedule important events. Watch our weekly newsletters for updates.