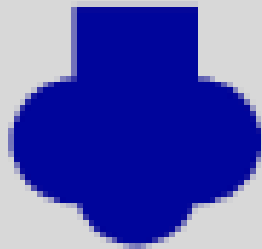




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Community Meeting

Thursday, August 13, 2020	6:30 PM
Tuesday, August 18, 2020	4:30 PM
Wednesday, August 19, 2020	1:30 PM

Opening Prayer

Loving Father,

We come together as a community asking for Your blessing and help as we are gathered together this day.

We pray for guidance in the matters at hand and ask that You would clearly show us how to conduct our work, and any challenges that lie ahead, with a spirit of joy, enthusiasm, and compassion.

Give us the desire to find ways to excel in our work. Help us to work together and encourage each other to excellence.

We ask that we would challenge ourselves and each other to reach higher and farther to be the best we can be.

We ask this in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Meeting Notes

- ❖ All participants have been muted to avoid speaking over one another and to limit background noise
- ❖ For ease of management, I ask that any questions be sent through the “Chat” feature, found in the options at the bottom of your screen – if you wish to ask anonymously, please send the chat to me specifically - I also have my email open, if you would like to send questions that way
- ❖ Questions will be answered at the end of the presentation, starting with the questions that were sent prior to the meeting
- ❖ If there is a question or comment that you would rather ask privately, please feel free to call the school (247-5650) or email me at maria.cahill@dor.org

Saint Pius Tenth School Reopening Plan

- ❖ Every decision made throughout the planning process was guided by the principle that the health, safety, and well-being of our students, faculty and staff, and families is our top priority
- ❖ Our school plan was devised using the most recent guidance provided by the CDC, Department of Health, NYS Department of Education, and the Diocese of Rochester Department of Catholic Schools
- ❖ Our school reopening plan was developed, in part, using data collected through a survey sent to all of our school families, faculty and staff members, and other stakeholder groups
- ❖ Our reopening team was comprised of administration, faculty, parents, our school nurse, social worker, and parish staff member
- ❖ The plan will be updated as circumstances change, new information is made available, and as guidance requires

Enrollment and Classroom Capacity

- ❖ Each of our classrooms, Grades K – 5, has the capacity to safely distance up to 22 students
- ❖ Our Pre-K classroom capacity is lower, and we are developing methods and procedures that will keep all students safe, while creatively ensuring that socialization is allowed, as that is an integral component of the Pre-K Program
- ❖ The first day of school is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2020 for Grades Kindergarten through 5
- ❖ The first day for Pre-K students will be Wednesday, September 16
- ❖ All teachers have been asked to organize a Zoom Meet and Greet prior to the first day of school
- ❖ Pre-K and Kindergarten students will have an opportunity to take part in an in-person Meet and Greet – this will likely be held outdoors, following all safety protocol, on the first day of school

How will the school building look?

- ❖ Hand sanitizer will be at each entrance of the school building, along with a Self-Certification form and a sign in sheet that includes contact information
- ❖ Hallway floors will be marked to indicate 6' distancing lines and one-directional arrows
- ❖ Classroom floors will be marked in a grid fashion to indicate 6' x 6' areas for student desks and other traffic flow indicators as determined by each classroom teacher
- ❖ Main Office access will be limited, to the greatest extent possible, to administration and Administrative Assistant
- ❖ Common areas of the building will be minimized to the greatest extent possible
- ❖ Visitors to the school building will be very limited, and most will be "by appointment only"
- ❖ Restrooms will be modified to allow for reduced capacity
- ❖ Signage will be posted throughout the building and rooms to indicate:
Distancing, personal hygiene, respiratory hygiene, mask usage, etc.

Mask Policy

- ❖ Saint Pius Tenth School is requiring that ALL individuals entering the school building wear a face mask – this includes students, faculty and staff, vendors, volunteers, delivery personnel, and any visitors
- ❖ Students, faculty, and staff will be provided with one reusable, washable face mask with the school logo and one neck strap (additional masks may be purchased at a later date)
- ❖ Families are also asked to provide children with additional masks AND to send two into school to have for the purpose of replacing a mask that may become soiled or contaminated throughout the day - soiled masks will either be bagged and sent home for cleaning or disposed of safely
- ❖ Face masks will be a part of the uniform code until further notice, and though there is not a specific color or style for masks, they must be appropriate and may not be offensive in any way
- ❖ Mask breaks will be given according to classroom teacher established protocols
- ❖ Exceptions to the mask policy will only be granted with documented medical justification

Social Distancing

- ❖ Students will maintain Social Distancing to the greatest degree possible
- ❖ Restrooms will be open at a reduced capacity
- ❖ Physical Education classes will be conducted at 12' Physical Distancing with little or no contact – any equipment used will be cohort designated and disinfected after use
- ❖ Specials teachers will be traveling to grade-level classrooms, rather than students traveling
- ❖ Grade levels will remain with their classroom cohorts to the greatest extent possible throughout the school day
- ❖ Lunches will be eaten in the classrooms with proper distancing
 - There will be a space in the classroom to accommodate any students with food allergies
- ❖ Mandatory recess periods will be held outdoors whenever possible and with proper distancing and face mask usage

Instructional Models

- ❖ Saint Pius Tenth School has included varying models for learning for the 2020-21 School Year
 - Five-Day, in-person instruction in the school building
 - Remote Learning

At this point in time, we are not exploring a Hybrid Model, though ample notice will be given should that become necessary
- ❖ Families may transition their students between models for justified and documented reasons
- ❖ If a family chooses to move their student from in-person to remote learning, that may be done at any time during the academic quarter
- ❖ If a family chooses to move their student from remote learning to in-person, it is best completed at the beginning of a new quarter (for academic reasons)
- ❖ Conferences must be conducted with administration prior to a transition
- ❖ The above policy does NOT apply if a student is out due to illness or quarantine

Instructional Models cont'd

- ❖ Should the need arise to transition to a fully remote instructional model, teachers will conduct both live and recorded lessons that will more closely resemble a school day
- ❖ We will take into consideration the amount of screen time, attention span, and age-appropriate work-load
- ❖ If the school building is accessible during a time of full Distance Learning, teachers will be teaching from their classrooms to allow for consistency

- ❖ We will be beginning the school year using a blended learning approach to allow for familiarity with websites and passwords that students will need should we be required to transition to a Distance Learning model

Disinfecting Procedures

- ❖ Tremendous care has been taken over the recent weeks to ensure that the building is properly cleaned and sanitized in anticipation of the school reopening
- ❖ We will have cleaning personnel on hand throughout the school day to clean restrooms, water fountains (used for refillable water bottles only), office area, the playground, gymnasium, and other areas that will have more usage
- ❖ Our cleaning team are only using resources that are safe to be used around children
- ❖ Teachers will be responsible for wiping down high-touch surfaces in their classrooms several times per day
- ❖ There will be a sufficient supply of materials in classrooms, and stored safely, to ensure that we maintain cleanliness and safety

Transportation

- ❖ As of the time of this meeting, we are planning for buses to arrive and depart using the playground entrance – this is dependent on the number of students riding a school bus
 - I have not been advised of times yet - once notified, arrival times may be staggered to accommodate the delays that we will incur due to temperature checks
- ❖ Students being driven by private vehicle will arrive at the main entrance to the school
- ❖ At this point in time, families will NOT be able to walk their students into the school building
- ❖ We are looking into an app that will assist families with the daily screening that must take place prior to students entering the building – ALL persons entering the building will undergo a temperature check

Testing, Tracing, Symptom Observation and Monitoring Protocol

- ❖ With only a few weeks until the start of school, safety is paramount
- ❖ Every person who enters the school building will undergo a temperature check and will be asked to complete a screening form – we are exploring a remote screening tool that families will use for their students
- ❖ ANYONE exhibiting any of the symptoms of COVID-19 will not be allowed entrance to the building – if a student develops a temperature of greater than 100° F throughout the school day, they will be immediately isolated and will be supervised until they are safely picked up from school - staff members will be sent home immediately
- ❖ COVID-19 Testing will NOT be conducted in the school building, though we may recommend that individuals see their primary health care provider to determine an appropriate course of action

If a student has tested positive for COVID-19:

- ❖ The student is to remain out of school for 10 days, at which time they must be fever-free for a minimum of three days without having taken fever-reducing medication AND symptoms need to have improved
- ❖ Any siblings of the student will also be out of school for 10 days since the last contact with the positive-tested student
- ❖ Administration will work with any families on home learning plans, provided the student is able to distance learn while recovering
- ❖ The same policy will apply to faculty and staff

Quarantine

Any positive test will initialize a Contact Tracing protocol – the school will work directly with the Monroe County Health Department

- ❖ Individuals with no symptoms will remain out of school for 14 days since last contact and/or exposure to an individual who testes positive
- ❖ If symptoms do occur, individuals will move into the positive test protocol and follow the guidelines indicated
- ❖ A negative test does NOT indicate that an individual may return to school before the quarantine period ends
- ❖ Any quarantines will be determined through the Contact Tracing procedure and will be made in conjunction with the Monroe County Health Department – quarantines may be placed on those individuals within the same cohort or may extend beyond, if warranted

Any individual who IS symptomatic and NOT tested, based on recommendation of their medical provider, will be:

- ❖ Out of school for a period of 10 days and may return once they are symptom free AND have been fever-free for a minimum of three days without fever-reducing medication AND symptoms have improved
- ❖ Siblings and family members who show symptoms must also be out of school for a 10 day period and fever-free for a minimum of three days without the use of fever-reducing medication

Any individual who IS symptomatic and tested with a negative result will be:

- ❖ Out of school until fever-free for a minimum of three days without the use of fever-reducing medication

Though the school will not require that an individual be tested for COVID-19, we may recommend a test

If warranted, the school may require a note of clearance from the family's licensed medical provider

Questions??

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father,

As we come to the end of meeting, we thank You for what has been accomplished here.

May the matters discussed serve as a catalyst to move us forward and inspire us to advance and see the growth of Your continued blessings, even at these difficult times. We ask You to bless all in our Saint Pius Tenth School community, and we thank You for the gift of Catholic education.

Bless these families who have entrusted their children to us.

May we leave here recognizing You are the God of all wisdom, and, not only are You willing to lead us forward, but You are willing to show us Your way.

This we pray in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Amen

**THANK YOU
AND
GOD BLESS**