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Dear Parents,

Looking to the future with hope, we have established guidelines to provide a safe environment for our students and staff as we reopen St. Anthony on the Lake School. Our number one priority is keeping our students and staff safe and healthy while continuing to provide our students with a strong, faith-based education. These guidelines are put in place under the recommendations of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, the CDC, and the Wisconsin Department of Instruction and the Waukesha County Health Department. As of July 27, the information provided below summarizes our most recent protocols for the 2020-2021 school year. **These protocols may be adjusted as we monitor the situation.** We thank you for your flexibility, understanding, and patience in these ever-changing times. Any and all changes will be communicated promptly to our school community.

All families may be asked by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to sign a "Return to School" waiver which will be provided.

MEDICAL

If your child/ren is not feeling well, please do NOT send them to school.

- All students and staff will have their temperatures taken with a no-touch thermometer prior to entering the school building.
- Any child presenting symptoms (a fever of 100.4, cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell) associated with Covid 19 will be sent to an isolation room. Parents/guardians will be called to promptly (within 30 minutes) pick up their child from school.
- Any student who is ill (not Covid related) may not return to school until they are fever free without fever-reducing medicine for 36 hours.
- If a student has tested positive for Covid-19, they may not return to school until they are
 free of fever AND respiratory symptoms for at least three days (72 hours) without feverreducing medicine and ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared. Students
 must have written clearance to return to school from a physician or the Health
 Department.
- If a teacher has tested positive, the same protocols will be followed. A substitute teacher will be procured for the classroom.
- If there is a suspected or confirmed case of Covid 19 in your child's classroom, we will contact the Waukesha County Health Department (WHD). Parents will be notified of

- specific instructions. SAL uses the Call-Fire system to notify parents outside of school hours.
- St. Anthony on the Lake School requires parents to notify the administration if your child or other family member has been exposed to or tested positive for the Covid virus. Confidentiality will be maintained.
- Should a short-term closure be necessary (class or whole school), distance learning will begin immediately and continue for the time required by Waukesha Health Department.
- For further information on Covid 19, please refer to www.cdc.gov.

Morning Drop Off/ Afternoon Car Rider:

- At this time, the morning and afternoon car rider lines will be suspended. Specific drop off and pick up instructions will be given to you.
- Students in Grades 3K, 4K, 5K, 1, 3 and 4 will enter through the school entrance
- Students in grades 2, 5, 6, 7, and 8 will now enter through the main office doors.
- All students will be instructed as to their waiting areas before school. Supervision will begin at 7:10 AM. Please do not drop students off before this time.
- Parents are asked NOT to pick up students between 2:00 and 2:30PM so as not to cause congestion in the bus rider line.

Students:

All students will be required to wear a face covering when social distancing (6 feet) is not possible. Students should wear face coverings as they enter the school building each day. If a student forgets his/her face covering, a mask will be provided to that student. Students will not need to wear face coverings outdoors. Mask-free times will be provided during the school day when social distancing is possible.

Wearing a mask follows Catholic Social Teaching: https://catholicherald.org/catholicherald.org/catholicherald/ask-fr-jerry-pro-life-stance-informed-churchs-covid-19-response/

Hot lunch will continue to be provided for us by Kettle Moraine School District. Safety
precautions will be installed in the serving line. We will no longer provide a salad bar
option.

- Students will continue to eat in the lunchroom (PLC) with added tables for social distancing. All students will have assigned seating. Lunch times will be adjusted for proper sanitizing between lunch groups.
- Recess times will also be adjusted for safe distancing. Classes will have designated play areas.
- Students will be required to bring a reusable water bottle from home. Drinking fountains will be used to refill water bottles only.
- Students will be encouraged to wash hands frequently. Hand sanitizers are available in classrooms and throughout the building.

Classrooms:

- Communal use of school supplies (crayons, markets, glue, pencils, etc.) will be suspended. Students will each have their own supply box with personal school supplies.
- Proper handwashing will be emphasized (and taught) in all classrooms.
- All additional non-essential furniture will be removed from the classrooms to allow for social distancing.
- A portable plexiglass shield will be available in each classroom for 1-to-1 work.
- We will provide as much social distancing as possible in our classrooms. Larger classes
 will move to other open areas as much as possible throughout the day to allow for social
 distancing.
- 3K, 4K and 5K have a plan in place for sanitizing toys/materials.
- All teachers will be "practicing" virtual learning within their classrooms to prepare students for any transition to remote learning that may take place this school year.
- Specials: Music class will now be held in the gym. PE classes will be held outside as much as possible. Spanish class for Grades 1-5 will take place in their classroom. Middle School Spanish will take place in a larger, designated room.
- Liturgy: At this time, all-school liturgies will be live-streamed in the classroom. The Eucharist will be distributed in the classrooms.

Technology:

• In order to enhance the remote learning capabilities should a student or classroom require quarantine, technology in all classrooms is being updated. Each teacher will orientate students and parents on the remote learning procedure for the grade level.

Vacations:

- Parents must submit vacation plans to the school administrator as soon as possible.
- Depending on the CDC recommendations, students may be asked to quarantine at home for 14 days after travel outside the state.
- Until further notice, any travel outside of the United States will REQUIRE a 14 day quarantine period.

Visitors/Volunteers:

- No outside speakers or presenters will be allowed in the school.
- All parent volunteers will be required to wear face coverings when in the school building. They will have their temperature checked as they enter the building and will need to fill out a health survey each time they volunteer.
- Playground volunteers will report directly to the playground rather than signing in at the office. Volunteers should call the office upon arrival.
- When picking up students for appointments during the school day, parents are asked to
 wait in their cars, and students will be brought to the door by school staff. We
 encourage parents to make as many appointments after school hours as possible.

Athletics:

 After a great deal of thought, discussion and prayer, along with the recommendation of Archdiocese of Milwaukee Athletic Board, the decision has been made to cancel the 2020-21 fall sports season for all elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.
 All recognize and value the importance that athletic and extra-curricular opportunities bring to the educational experience of youth, but understand the priority is to have students in the classroom.

Cleaning/Sanitizing:

- All rooms will be sanitized daily, after school hours with a specialized mister.
- Students will use hand sanitizer each time they enter the classroom.
- Cleaning staff will sanitize classrooms as needed during the school day.
- When students change classes (middle school), sanitizing will take place before the next class enters.
- Saint Anthony on the Lake Parish has an air filtration system which follows CDC guidelines.

This podcast discusses Catholic Social Teaching and the Covid pandemic.

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A Q&A session will be held on Monday, August 24th at 6:00 pm in church. Parents will have an opportunity to get any last-minute questions answered before our "Back to School" session on Tuesday, August 24th.