

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL SCHOOL

REOPENING OF SCHOOL PLAN 2020-2021

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS



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INTRODUCTION

“Everything has suddenly changed. What we previously took for granted seems to be uncertain: the way we relate with others at work, how we manage our emotions, study, recreation, prayer, even the possibility of attending Mass...”

-Pope Francis, *Strong in the Face of Tribulation: A Sure Support in Time of Trial*

We are in an unprecedented time. The reality of COVID-19 has presented a number of significant tribulations. At the very minimum, trying to adapt to teaching in new ways while grieving the loss of our sense of normalcy is emotionally draining. The thoughts of preparation for a fall opening of school in an uncertain future magnifies anxiety and fear. However, Pope Francis has offered that “present difficulties have stimulated creativity and inventiveness”, and this invites us to new methods of engagement and ministry.

Purpose

In the face of the COVID-19 global pandemic, SKDS IS committed to dynamic planning and preparation for a safe return to school for the 2020-2021 academic school year.

We are dedicated to providing safer methods of learning and instruction while balancing the greatest sense of normalcy for students, faculty, staff, and parents. We aim for clear planning and vision that supports our school to be agile in response to each potential impact of the COVID-19 pandemic or other circumstances that may cause an interruption to normal school function. In doing so, we will continue to provide a Christ-centered, rigorous academic educational experience for students that parents trust and rely upon as the superior choice for their child's education now and into the future.

This plan is intended to be fluid (a living document) as it is designed to reflect the latest information from national, state, and local public health experts regarding COVID-19 disease transmission and mitigation strategies. The information contained within is subject to change at any time as new information emerges from the [Center for Disease Control](#) (CDC), the [Dodge County Human Services & Health Department](#), [Catholic Mutual Group's Guide to Reopening Schools](#), and the [Archdiocese of Milwaukee Catholic Comeback](#). We will do all we can, to the best of our ability to mitigate the risk of our students and staff.

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- The new main entrance into school will be the door off the school parking lot.
- We have changed the date of the Open House to Friday, August 21, to allow for the cleaning and disinfection of the school prior to the first day of school, which is Tuesday, August 25. More information will be going home closer to the start of school.
- We will need to update the school/church parking lot procedures and depending on the S. Spring Street construction project, determine the possible use of the Parish Center parking lot. More information will be coming soon.

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ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION

Starting back to school, we will be implementing the following hybrid model. Our first day of school is Tuesday, August 25. Students will attend school in person during that week (August 25-28). Beginning on Monday, August 31, we will implement the Hybrid model, and continue through October 2. We will evaluate the situation by September 24, and determine if we will continue with this hybrid model or move to a 5 day, face to face model beginning the week of October 5. The school will monitor regional and local phasing realities, documented risk analysis, and reporting from State and County Health Departments to help guide decisions or considerations. In addition, the *Reopening of School Core Committee* will make decisions based on what it believes is in the best interest of our students, families, and faculty.

Hybrid

- All Grades 3K-8 would attend school in person M-Tu-Th-F. (4 days a week) Wednesday would be a Virtual Instruction and Learning Day. This will assist with the transition back to an in person, face to face learning environment for students and faculty and it will allow for a more thorough cleaning of the school mid-week.
 - (3K-5): Static Cohort w/ Classroom Teacher
 - (6-8): Semi-Static Cohort w/ Student Movement & Teacher Movement
- The VIL Wednesday would involve a predetermined schedule of the core subjects only, and would involve work for the students that would require minimal parental instruction or assistance.

Face to Face

- We will move to this model beginning the week of October 5, **IF** the *Reopening Of School Core Committee* believes it is in the best interest of our students, families, and faculty.
- In Person (Daily)
- In Person (3K-5): Static Cohort w/ Classroom Teacher
- In Person (6-8): Semi-Static Cohort w/ Student Movement & Teacher Movement

Virtual Instruction and Learning (VIL)

- The VIL Wednesday would involve a predetermined schedule of the core subjects only, and would involve school work or assignments for the students that would require minimal parental instruction or assistance.
- Students who need to be absent from school for an extended period of time will have access to recorded lessons, digital resources, the IXL program, and communication with the classroom teacher via Google Classroom. We will not offer VIL as a substitute academic instructional full-time option for any students.
- If we need to return to a quarantine situation at some point during the school year, SKDS faculty will be prepared to implement a Robust Virtual experience for all students.

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Student Cohorts

- A static cohort for preschool through 5th grade, which is a group of students who stay together throughout their educational experience and do not generally mix with other groups of students and their movement to and from other classrooms is relatively limited.
- A semi-static cohort for 6th grade through 8th grade, which is a group of students who are generally together although there will be some exposure to other students and there is more movement during the school day.
- Excessive or nonessential toys, materials, furniture will be removed from the classrooms.
- All gatherings of large groups, including whole school Masses and assemblies, are prohibited. Masses and other liturgical prayer will be celebrated in small groups.
- Students will remain with their classmates for structured recess.
- All teachers and students are not to visit another classroom outside of their grade level.
- Students will have a designated space solely for their use in their classrooms and the extended care space.
- Students will not share spaces, supplies, or work in groups (distancing will remain throughout the day). Every attempt will be made to minimize the sharing of classroom supplies. Supplies/equipment will be sanitized regularly.
- Students will use restrooms at designated times, and no more students will be admitted into a restroom at a time than there are sinks in the restrooms.
- Band will be held in the gym to allow students to have ample room to social distance.
- Music: for students in grade 5K-5 Music will be taught in the students' homeroom, for students in grades 6-8, the students will travel to the Music room. The room will be cleaned between classes.
- Art: or students in grade 5K-5 Art will be taught in the students' homeroom, for students in grades 6-8, the students will travel to the Art room. The room will be cleaned between classes.

Technology

- A Chromebook or tablet will be provided for each student in grades 5K through 8th. Students will be allowed to take Chromebooks/tablets home during the week as needed. We will assist families in need of securing means for internet access.

Curriculum

- SKDS will still deliver high-quality instruction in core subjects Religion, ELA/Reading, Math, Science and Social Studies, in addition to the special area subjects Art, Band, Music, Phy. Ed. and Spanish. The implementation of safety and health requirements will create new complexities in instruction, but our commitment remains to provide your child the best possible faith-based education.
- Social and emotional curriculum will be implemented to provide for the mental well-being of our students and staff. SEL instruction will continue using Mind and Heart curriculum and other resources.

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Platforms

- All SKDS teachers will use **Google Classroom** which enables teachers to create an online classroom area in which they can manage all the documents that their students need. Documents are stored on Google Drive and can be edited in Drive's apps, such as Google Docs, Sheets, and so on. **Google Classroom** makes teaching and learning more productive and meaningful by streamlining assignments, boosting collaboration, and fostering communication. Using **Google Classroom** during our in person instruction will allow for an easy transition to VIL if we would need to go that direction again. We will also use **Class Tag** as a communication tool, which integrates nicely with **Google Classroom**.
- We are using IXL to support our curriculum this year, and provide an effective means to assess our students and address any learning/knowledge gaps. Your child will have access to this online program at school and at home. IXL is a personalized learning platform comprised of a comprehensive 3K-12 curriculum, a Real-Time Diagnostic component, personalized guidance, and an analytic component.

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GENERAL PROTOCOLS

Health and Wellness

Signage and messaging will be provided in multiple areas throughout the school to promote hygiene and wellness practices.

Social Distancing

Social distancing is an effective way to prevent potential infection. Employees, students and parents should practice staying the recommended distance from others and eliminating contact with others whenever possible.

- Social distancing in the classroom will provide seating arrangements no less than three feet apart. Students will have the ability to move around as needed for learning and transitions within the classrooms.
- Traffic Flow – Taped markings on the floor in the hallways and the classrooms will assist with social distancing
- Ad-hoc Interactions/Gatherings – Non-essential/informal meetings and visiting will be avoided.

Masks

- Face masks/shields are an essential part of protection, as well as personal hygiene, social distancing, and frequent cleaning efforts. Masks do not have to be in uniform colors. Masks or face shields are required to be worn in classrooms, during transition times, when entering and leaving the building, and in common areas. Everyone, 5-years-old and older, should wear a mask. Three and four year old students may wear a mask or a shield. Students with chronic breathing conditions may be exempt from this requirement with a doctor's excuse. The teachers will provide opportunities throughout the day for students to take a break from wearing the masks. The school will provide every student with 2 masks and will work with families who need support in acquiring additional masks. It is recommended that masks be considered an essential school supply item for 2020-2021 and families have 5 reusable masks available for each child. The school will also have disposable masks on hand to support masking efforts as needed.
- A doctor's note will need to be on file for all students who would be considered exempt from wearing masks in the classroom for an extended period of time.

Teacher Instructions

In addition to using social distancing and masks, teachers will regularly instruct students to:

- Wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 30 seconds. Use hand sanitizer with at least 70% alcohol if soap and water are not available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Cover your mouth and nose or use the inside of your elbow when you cough or sneeze.

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Screening

All students, and staff shall commit to a daily health screen prior to arriving at school.

- Student temperatures will be taken as they enter the classroom.
- Current temperature of over 100.5 Fahrenheit or temperature of over 100.5 Fahrenheit within the last 24 hours.
- Close contact with a confirmed case of COVID19 in the last 14 days.
- Experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or sore throat within the last 72 hours.
- New loss of taste or smell.
- Muscle pain (not associated with intense exercise) or chills.
- Other illness symptoms include vomiting (not associated with anxiety or immediately after eating), diarrhea, continuous runny nose (not associated with known allergy), or rash in the last 72 hours.

All students and staff are asked to stay home if they have any of the above-mentioned symptoms. Families are required to report their absences using predetermined attendance protocols.

Student Illness

If or when a student becomes (or is suspected of being) sick at school, the following protocols will be followed:

- Any student showing signs of illness will have their temperature taken in the office, and students with a temperature above 100.5 degrees or showing any respiratory symptoms will be isolated and sent home.
- A designated staff member wearing both a mask and eye protection will wait with the student in the designated medical isolation area until the parent/guardian arrives on campus.
- Students sent home ill may return to school when all health screening criteria are met. Parents/guardians are encouraged and may be required (if COVID19 is suspected) to follow-up with primary care provider for further direction/recommendations.
- Students with other non-covid symptoms will be kept in the sickroom/office and a parent will be called to determine action.

Staff Illness

If or when a staff member becomes (or is suspected of being) sick at school, the following protocols will be followed:

- Staff will be evaluated by a trained staff member. Any and all staff involved in an evaluation are required to wear both a mask and eye protection.
- Any staff member showing signs of illness will have their temperature taken in the office, and staff with a temperature above 100.5 degrees or showing any respiratory symptoms will be isolated and sent home.
- If needed, the staff members predetermined emergency contact will be contacted to assist with transportation.
- Staff will be provided a clean and disposable face covering to wear and an area in a medical isolation room to wait until they leave the building.

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School Exclusion Guidelines (Temperature and Illness Protocols)

- Individuals with a confirmed or suspected COVID19 illness should remain home until the time that a certified medical practitioner and/or local public health official states they can return to school (in writing).
- If an individual has been exposed to a person positive for COVID19, they should remain home in self isolation for at least 14 days following exposure. If he/she develops any illness symptoms; he/she should contact their primary care provider.
 - Fever**
 - Temperature 100.5 °F or greater
 - Child must be fever-free without fever reducing medicine for 24 hours before returning to school.
 - Vomiting**
 - A child who is vomiting (not associated with anxiety or immediately after eating) needs to stay home until symptom free without anti-nausea medication for 24 hours.
 - **Diarrhea**
 - A child who has diarrhea (two or more watery stools in a 12-hour period) needs to stay home until symptom free without anti-diarrhea medication for 48 hours.
 - Rash**
 - Your child should stay home if they have a rash that is spreading, open, and cannot be covered. A doctor should evaluate the skin rash before your child returns to school. Your child may return to school after seeing a doctor with a note stating the rash is not contagious and may return to school.
 - Coughs and Colds**
 - Your child should stay home if they have continuous nasal drainage and/or a cough.
 - Other Communicable Illness**
 - Children suffering from other communicable illnesses should follow medical practitioner recommendations and/or guidelines regarding return to school.

Confirmed Case of COVID19

In the event a person diagnosed with COVID19 is determined to have been in the building, the Dodge County Health Department will be contacted immediately to assist with monitoring, reporting of, and responding to the situation.

- The DCHD will determine if it will be necessary for a cohort, grade level, or the school to close for a period of time.
- The school is committed to supporting the privacy of the person diagnosed to the extent possible.
- The school will engage in any and all cleaning, disinfecting, and screening requirements necessary to reopen.

Restroom Use

- Students will use restrooms at designated times, and no more students will be admitted into a restroom at a time than there are sinks in the restrooms.
- Students will be allowed to use the restroom when needed.
- Restrooms will be cleaned periodically throughout the school day.

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Water Bottles

- All students need to bring their own water bottle to school.
- Students will fill water bottles from the touch-free water fountains.
- There will be no drinking directly from the water fountains.
- Water bottles will need to go home on a daily basis to be cleaned.

Locker Usage

- Students and families are asked to only send essential materials and belongings to school to minimize the need to use or access lockers.
- Lockers will be assigned strategically to support distancing to the best of our ability.
- Scheduled times will be staggered to support distancing and align with locker assignment strategy.

Shared Spaces

Teachers and staff are encouraged to disinfect their workspace multiple times throughout the day, giving special attention to commonly touched surfaces. Our school has alcohol-based hand sanitizers in every classroom and cleaning products accessible throughout the school to disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces such as telephones and keyboards. The site custodial team will clean all rooms at their designated cleaning time.

There will be limited access to certain workspaces to reduce exposure to risks and ensure employee and student safety. Workspace usage is as follows:

- **Office Capacity**– Site will be monitoring the number of persons in the offices.
- **Breakrooms/Teacher Kitchen and Teacher Work Room**– There will be limited access to these rooms. Signage indicating restrictions will be posted as each phase is implemented.
- **Conference Rooms**– The Upper Room will be used as our isolation room if someone should exhibit symptoms of the coronavirus. Signage indicating closure/capacity limits will be placed on conference room doors.
- **Cafeteria**–will be cleaned and disinfected between uses.
- **Art Room** –will be cleaned and disinfected between uses.
- **Band Stage**–will be cleaned and disinfected between uses.
- **Music/Chorus Room**–will be cleaned and disinfected between uses.

Visitor Restrictions

The school building is closed to visitors, this includes parents, between the hours of 7:00am and 4:30pm on school days unless otherwise noted, scheduled, arranged, or approved by the administrator.

- Any and all visitors who are in a school or accessing a facility (indoor or outdoor when social distancing cannot be guaranteed) on school days between the hours of 7:00am and 4:30pm must wear a mask.
- Any and all individuals who are delivering items are required to wear a mask at all times when on campus (mail, packages, etc.)
- Any and all individuals who are providing a contracted service (trades, professional, etc.) on school days and between the hours of 7:00am and 4:30pm are subject to temperature checks and required to mask at all times.

- Parents walking their child to school or otherwise dropping their child off at school are asked to stay outside and physically distanced from other students, families, and staff. Please see the sections on Morning Drop-off and Afternoon Dismissal for more detailed information.
- Local Emergency Response Personnel, including members of the Beaver Dam Police Department, Beaver Dam Fire Department, and Dodge County Sheriff's Department are exempt from any and all visitor restrictions in the event of an emergency.

After School Activities and Athletics

- After a great deal of thought, discussion, and prayer with the Athletic Advisory Board and many other concerned parties, the decision has been made to cancel the 2020-21 fall sports season for elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. We recognize and value the importance that athletic and extracurricular opportunities bring to the educational experience and development of youth, but understand the priority is to have students in the classroom.
- A decision on winter sports will be made by October 1, 2020. Spring sports would be assessed at a later time. The Athletic Advisory Board will maintain the flexibility to reconfigure sport seasons and student participation guidelines based on current events at the time a decision is necessary.
- It is our highest priority for the upcoming school year for our Catholic schools to be open for on-site, in-person student instruction and learning, five days-per-week if at all possible. In light of the priority to keep schools open, a secondary question emerged that needed to be answered: What is the benefit, and the risks, to our students and schools if athletics proceed given the current circumstances?
- We ask everyone to remember that the priority of the Athletic Advisory Board and all other concerned parties is to do its part to help keep our Catholic schools open for in-person student instruction and learning.

Special Events

- Large group gatherings, such as assemblies or large meetings, will be conducted virtually. If events are held, social distancing must be observed and group size limited to the recommendation from health officials and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Schools Office. Field trips will not be permitted during the 2020-2021 school year. In most cases, Masses and other liturgical prayer will be celebrated in small groups.

Facility Cleaning, Hygiene and Shared School Supplies

- Schools will follow recommended cleaning and disinfecting procedures.
- Sharing of school supplies such as pencils, markers, and art supplies will not be permitted.
- Equipment that must be shared should be used by as few children as possible and cleaned and disinfected before and after each use.
- All students will be provided access to handwashing facilities and hand sanitizer in school.
- Food and drink should not be shared (including student snacks and lunches)
- Birthday treats will need to be pre-packaged and individually wrapped, store-bought treats. (Fruit snacks, twinkies, etc.)
- Food and drink should be covered when not being consumed. Drinking fountains should only be used to fill reusable water bottles or to fill disposable cups provided by the school.

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Travel Restrictions

- SKDS is currently following the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and collaborating with local health authorities to implement travel-related guidelines. It is important to note that we will continue to monitor the guidelines and that travel guidelines are subject to change.
- The following links provide additional information about travel:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-in-the-us.html>
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/travel.htm>
- Your child will be required to stay home for 14 days upon returning from international, cruise ship, and/or riverboat travel as recommended by the CDC and Wisconsin DHS.

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SCHOOL SCHEDULE & ROUTINES

School Hours: 8:10 AM–3:15 PM

Morning Drop-Off

Drop-Off Hours: 7:40 AM – 8:05 AM

Protocol:

- Masks or face shields are required during morning drop-off.
- Students will enter the school building through the door designated for their grade level. Parents may walk their children to the door, but they may not enter the building.
- The 3K, 4K & 5K students will be met by their teachers in the inner court. The teachers will bring the students into the school. Students in Grade 1-3 will enter through the main entrance off the school parking lot. Students in Grade 4-8 will enter through the inner court door. Teachers will be at the doors to admit students. Students will enter and go directly to their homerooms. Students will have their temperature taken as they enter the classroom.

If a student arrives late to school, after 8:15, s/he will buzz in at the main entrance off the school parking lot and report to the office.

Lunch Food Service

We have contracted with the BDUSD, who will provide hot lunch for our students. Food and beverage provided through the district will be pre-packaged as much as possible. Students and staff can continue to bring in food items from home to enjoy during designated lunch/meal times. **Please note:** students who bring a cold lunch will not be allowed to use a microwave to heat it up.

Protocol: Students will alternate eating lunch at their assigned seats in their classrooms and the cafeteria. We may on occasion also eat in the gym or outdoors, if possible.

Recesses and Physical Education

Staffing: Teachers and Aides

Recess will be somewhat structured. Each homeroom will be provided with their own set of playground equipment that will be kept inside the classroom. This equipment will be disinfected at the end of each school day.

Physical Education and fitness activities are important to the health and well-being of our students. The following considerations and practices will be employed to balance the importance with the preventative practices:

- Face coverings are required during physical education class indoors and encouraged outdoors. The nature of the activities to be done are selected so as not to adversely impact breathing function and ability of the students when a face mask is chosen to be worn.
- Hand washing and/or hand sanitizing are required by staff and students before and after PE classes, workouts, or other fitness activities.
- Frequently used items will be regularly disinfected.
- Students in grades 6-8 will not change their clothing for Phy. Ed.

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Protocol: Recesses and Physical Education will be similarly structured, limiting free play to ensure distancing and any aerobic activity will be done outside only. Activities such as jump rope, calisthenics, etc. will be the standards. Teachers will clean doorknobs after each recess/PE.

Dismissal/After School Pick-Up

Time: 3:15 PM (This will be a staggered dismissal to allow for social distancing.)

Staffing: Teachers and Aides

Protocol: Parents will wait outside to pick up students. Parents may park in the church parking lot, the school parking lot, or the parish center parking lot. Information regarding the details of where certain grade levels will be picked up, will be provided closer to the start of the school year.

Before School & After School Care

Hours of Operation: Morning Shift 6:45 AM – 7:45 AM; Afternoon Shift 3:15 PM – 6:00 PM

Staffing: School employees

Protocol: Extended Care will be held with distanced and assigned student spaces. Each student will have their own supplies. The area will be cleaned between shifts. Parents will pick-up and drop-off at the main school entrance off the school parking lot. Information regarding the details of room location and parental entrance into the building will be provided closer to the start of the school year.

FAQ

Q: Will there be an Open House this year?

A: Yes, the SKDS Open House will be on Friday, August 21. We are moving it to an earlier date to provide ample time to clean and disinfect the school building prior to the first day of school, which is Tuesday, August 25. It will be structured so families can visit their child's classroom, meet their teacher, take pictures and drop off the school supplies. Families will only be able to visit classrooms, (no other parts of the building will be available to visit) and we ask families to visit only their child(ren)'s classroom. More information will be going home closer to the start of school.

Q: How will busing be handled?

A: The local public school district has a legal obligation to provide transportation to eligible private school students in its district. When this obligation is met through the use of a school bus, the district has the authority to establish the route the bus will use, including pick-up and drop-off times. Within this authority, we anticipate the district will work with its bus company to establish the guidelines for transporting students, including, but not limited to, the number of students per bus, seating restrictions, and whether the use of a mask is required by student riders. The district should provide this information to parents, either directly.

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Q: Will extended care (before and after care) be available this year?

A: Yes. We will continue to offer extended care. Our plan includes specific requirements for such care (including masks). Parents will drop off (for Before School Care) and pick up (for After School Care) at the main entrance off the school parking lot. Information regarding the details of room location and parental entrance into the building will be provided closer to the start of the school year.

Q: Will there be elementary school athletics?

A: After a great deal of thought, discussion, and prayer with the Athletic Advisory Board and many other concerned parties, the decision has been made to cancel the 2020-21 fall sports season for elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. A decision on winter sports will be made by October 1, 2020. Spring sports would be assessed at a later time. The Athletic Advisory Board will maintain the flexibility to reconfigure sport seasons and student participation guidelines based on current events at the time a decision is necessary.

Q: Will school Masses still take place?

A: The Archdiocese has defined a specific plan for parishes that allows for the celebration of Mass under very specific conditions. Currently the for daily Mass the matrix states: *For parishes who have successfully celebrated a Sunday Mass, Daily Mass is allowed at the pastor/parish director's discretion, with attendance limited to 25 percent of occupancy, following the Archbishop's Mass Directives, and only if cleaning and sanitizing protocols can be followed.* Schools will be asked to follow this plan, in close coordination with the local pastor and parish, in determining how/whether Masses may be celebrated.

Q: Will First Communion, Reconciliation, and Confirmation take place this year?

A: SKDS will continue to provide preparation for the Sacraments of First Communion, Reconciliation, and Confirmation. For the celebration of the Sacraments, schools and parishes must follow a specific plan defined by the archdiocese. We will work closely with our pastor and parish to determine the timing and schedule of these sacraments.

Q: What is the plan for inclement weather recess and physical education?

A: The gymnasium will serve as the space designated for when it rains, is too hot, or the air quality prohibits being outside; however, just like recess, it will be used by a limited number of students at a time.

Q: I have a child in preschool or kindergarten. Is high-quality learning possible?

A: Yes. We are working very closely with our early education teachers to continue the best possible quality of instruction in preschool and kindergarten. While health and safety requirements are in place, our teachers will continue to work hard in the coming year to ensure your child grows intellectually, emotionally and spiritually.

Q: Will the school temperature check all students everyday?

A: Families are expected to monitor the health of their children and commit to performing a daily wellness check prior to coming to school. In addition, the students will have their temperature taken every morning as they enter their classroom.

Q: What if a school has a positive COVID19 case of a student or staff member?

A: We will contact the Dodge County Department of Health immediately and will follow all directives. The Dodge County health officials will determine if and when it is necessary to close a class, school

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building, because of necessary quarantine protocols. Families will be notified if and when a case has a direct impact on their child.

Q: What if the parent/family member living in the home of a student/staff member contract COVID19?

A: It is imperative that any family members impacted by COVID19 follow the guidance from their health care provider and/or the department of health regarding isolation, quarantine, or otherwise. Students or staff who have been directed to quarantine, must not enter any school during their quarantine.

Q: Will students participate in field trips?

A: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not participate in in-person field trips during the 2020/21 school year.

Q: I need to meet with a teacher or my school principal. Can these meetings occur?

A: Yes. These meetings can take place virtually via phone or video cha

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Moving Forward with Hope

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat [or drink], or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?”

Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they?

Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?

Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wildflowers grow. They do not work or spin.

But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them.

If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith?

So do not worry and say, ‘What are we to eat?’ or ‘What are we to drink?’ or ‘What are we to wear?’

All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.

But seek first the kingdom [of God] and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.

-Matthew 6:25-33

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