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Re: Answers to FAQs recently received by SJPII School Families

Dear SJPII Families:

As we move forward, planning for the opening our school in September, below is information regarding questions I have received from families. Our formal approved plan will be released sometime in the next 10 days. Most importantly our school will be open 5 full days and remote learning will be available to students who are not permitted to attend in person instruction.

- Parents/guardians **must evaluate** your child's health every morning before sending him/her to school. This evaluation should include a temperature check and review of symptoms associated with COVID-19 (cough, difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea). Any temperature above 100.4° or a symptom not attributed to a pre-existing condition warrants staying home.
- Upon arrival at school, students, faculty and staff will have temperature checks before entering the building. If a student, faculty or staff member has a temperature of or above 100.4°, they will be sent home immediately. Anyone being sent home with a temperature may not return to school for 72 hours (72 hours is the suggested amount of time this may change pending approval from Catholic Schools Office).
- According to CDC guidelines, hand washing is extremely important in reducing the spread of any virus. Upon entering the school building everyone will be asked to sanitize their hands, when using the restrooms we are having plastic shields installed between each sinks as well as hands free paper towels and hands free waste disposal cans. All classrooms as well as other areas in the school will have hands free sanitizer stations installed. Students, should bring their own sanitizer to keep with them at their desk.
- Students will wear masks entering and leaving the building. They will also wear masks in the hallways, bathrooms, recess and dismissal.
- Desks will be arranged as far apart as possible, based on each homeroom's enrollment. All desks will be fitted with a triguard plastic shield for added protection. Students will be permitted to remove their mask when they are seated behind this shield if they wish. Desks will be arranged in rows and will all face one direction.

- We have been removing extra furniture from all classrooms to achieve optimal spacing of desks. Classrooms will have student desks, teacher desk and file cabinet and computer station. Decorative rugs, extra tables, etc., have been removed.
- PK students will be separated as much as possible at their tables. Clear dividers will be used at the PK tables. When behind the divider as student may remove their mask. A limited amount of plastic toys will be available and sanitized regularly. Students will go outside to play and may have instruction outside weather permitting.
- Students in grades K-8 will also be giving opportunities for instruction outside as well as recess. We all know that fresh air helps to mitigate the spread of the disease.
- Students in grades PK-8 will remain in their homerooms through out the day. Middle School Teachers and Special teachers will come to the classrooms for instruction with the exception of Physical Education. Physical education classes will be held outside as much as possible.
- All students will be asked to bring a file crate/milk crate to hold any overflow of materials from their desks. At this time lockers and classroom closets will not be used to prevent cross-contamination.
- All students should bring a water bottle to sip on during the day. At this time, water fountains will not be available due to cross-contamination. Nutri-Serve will be serving lunch again this year and SJPII will continue to participate in the Free/Reduced Lunch/Breakfast Program. All employees of Nutri-Serve will follow the same protocols for all employees of SJPII. Lunches will be packed in individual containers, drinks and limited snacks will be available. We will not have anything served buffet style to prevent cross-contamination. You are not required to purchase lunch or snacks and understand if you send these things with your child. Lunch for those who purchase it will be delivered to your child's homeroom in grades PK-4. Older students will be able with social distancing to pick up their purchased lunch.
- Students will have recess. Recess periods will be staggered to allow for social distancing. Students will remain with their homeroom to prevent cross-contamination.
- Lavatories will be cleaned regularly throughout the day. The school building will be cleaned and disinfected after school every day.
- Based on recommendations from the Office of Catholic Schools, no one will be permitted to use our building after school hours to ensure that the building will be cleaned and sanitized for the start of each day.
- Procedures are being worked on for the Before and After Care Program.
- A schedule is being reviewed for arrival of students by family name, we will be staggering times over a 45 minute period to keep order and things moving smoothly. At this time no one will be permitted to park in the Vassar Avenue Lot as all families if not on the bus will need to use the car line. We will have only 1 entrance into the building. Dismissal is being reviewed at this time to have students leave school being social distant.
- We have not been notified about busing, but do know that all students must wear a mask at all times when riding the bus.
- At this time, only school employees and students will be permitted to enter the school during the school day. We will have a small holding area should your child need to be picked up during school hours.

The points mentioned here are to help you envision what a day will look like at SJPII. There are additional points we are working on that will be covered in our plan which will be finalized, reviewed and distributed to all of our families in early August after approval by the Catholic Schools Office.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Helen Persing