



RE-OPENING PLAN 2020-21

Introduction

St. Mark School will reopen this fall, and our administrator, faculty and staff are very excited to welcome students back to campus for in-person learning in the 2020-21 school year.

Our return to school will center on the social emotional well-being of our students and faculty. We recognize that this has been a potentially stressful year for students and that some may experience levels of anxiety as they return to school. Our mission at St. Mark School instills a commitment to the intellectual, spiritual, moral, social, and physical development of each child.

We will continue to keep you informed. St. Mark School is regularly monitoring policy changes based on guidance from state/medical authorities and the Office of the Superintendent.

A successful reopening at St. Mark means we will all need to work together. As St. Mark reopens, each of us must be ready and willing to create a culture of responsibility and cooperation. Protecting the health and safety of everyone on the school campus will be paramount. We are very confident that the St. Mark Community will pull together and establish a continued learning environment in the tradition of excellence.

If you have specific questions about St. Mark School's Re-Opening Plan 2020-21 please email covidresponse@stmarkschool.org.

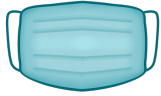


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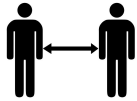
New Procedures and Safety Measures

Cleanliness and readily available Personal Protective Equipment will be important keys to maintaining a healthy and safe environment for students and faculty alike. Life on St. Mark campus will look decidedly different as a result, and each of the following will be required:



Face Masks

All adults who are at St. Mark School will be required to wear face masks at all times. Students will wear face masks in classrooms when social distancing is not feasible. Students will wear face masks when in common areas.



Social Distance

Students will sit facing the same direction. Desks will be spaced 6 feet apart when feasible and not less than 4 feet apart. Hallways will be marked with signage encouraging individuals to keep to one side to allow for greater social distancing.



Cleaning Protocols

Hand sanitizer will be made available throughout the school building. Sanitizing wipes will be available in every classroom to wipe down surfaces between periods. A day porter will clean high touched surfaces, and St. Mark has contracted with an outside, certified cleaning service that will enhance daily sanitizing protocols.



Daily Health Screening

Students, faculty and staff are required to have temperature taken upon arrival to school. Daily review of student symptoms is required of parents. Please keep your child home if they have any symptoms on the list.



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Religious Life

- To begin the year, students will not attend an in-person Mass that is open to the public.
- If students attend an in-person Mass, social distancing protocols will be followed.



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Important Information

- Adults will wear face masks while on school property.
- Classrooms and common areas for social distancing will be assessed regularly (certain classes have been relocated to allow for adequate social distancing).
- School cleaning protocols have been enhanced.
- Contact Tracing forms will be located outside all classrooms.
- **At least for the start of the 2020-2021 school year**, no parents or other visitors will be permitted to enter the school building before, during, and after school hours.
- In accordance with the Diocesan Re-Opening Plan for 2020-21, ties are classified as a non-essential uniform item for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Boys will be permitted to wear uniform polos (long or short sleeved) throughout the course of the 2020-2021 school year.
- All students grade K-8 must be able to independently put their shoes and sneakers on and tie laced shoes.
- **Due to cleaning protocols, students and parents will not be permitted back into the building after dismissal from school.**



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Arrival & Dismissal

Arrival

Students must be dropped off at their designated drop off location:

- We understand there are circumstances where students in grades K-2 will need assistance from parents to get out of their vehicle. In these circumstances, parents will be permitted to walk their student to the “Goodbye Zone” to await further instruction to cross. Parents will not be permitted to cross with the students. Adults must wear face masks exiting their vehicle and in the “goodbye zone.”
- “Goodbye Zone” is for grades K-2 only and those students will enter through the Parish Center doors.
- Buses and vans will unload at the Parish Center doors.
- Grades K-4 will enter through the doors next to Grade 1 (Including K-2 students not using the “Goodbye Zone”).
- Grades 5-8 will enter through the School Main Office Entrance.

Dismissal

- Parents must notify the school office of any early dismissal prior to arriving at the school building.
- Students who need to be picked up early will be dismissed outside of the Main Office door.
- Bus students will be dismissed first out the Parish Center doors.
- Upon exiting your vehicle to pick up your children, adults are required to have a face mask on at all times.
- Walkers grades K-4 will exit through the doors next to Grade 1.
- Walkers grades 5-8 will exit through the School’s Main Office Entrance.
- We will continue the dismissal plan from years past, where we will dismiss oldest to youngest students by grade.



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Student Supplies

Students will not share materials or supplies. Please check in with your student regularly to confirm they have the supplies they need. This will assist us in eliminating lending and borrowing between students.

- Students will have their own pencils, markers, scissors, and glue sticks, etc. in a labeled container. (Grade specific student supply list will be provided and sent home.)
- Student supplies are to remain in the classroom and not transported home or the After School Program.
- Classroom libraries and shared books will utilize a 72-hour sitting rule similar to that of many public libraries.
- Classroom teacher specific student supply lists are for classroom use.
- Parents are asked to provide separate classroom and art supplies. See Art supply list provided by Art teacher.



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Little Lions Preschool

- Arrival and dismissal will take place at the entrance directly in front of the playground.
- Arrival for students with siblings in grades K-8 will begin at 7:30 am.
- Arrival for students without a sibling in grades K-8 will begin at 7:45am.
- Upon arrival and exiting vehicles, parents and students will be required to wear a face mask.
- Student temperatures will be checked upon arrival.
- Parents will not be permitted in the classroom for arrival. Teachers and classroom aides will be in the classroom to help students transition into their morning routine.
- Students in preschool will not be required to wear face masks in the classroom, but may do so at a parent's request. Please discuss with your student's teacher.
- Students will need to wear a face mask whenever they leave the classroom (gym, visit the nurse's office, etc.)



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After School Program

- The After School Program (ASP) can no longer accept daily drop ins.
- Students must be registered for the days they will attend at the beginning of the month.
- If the student is not registered for a particular day they will not be permitted to attend.
- Students will be socially distanced at tables in the gym during homework and snack time.
- Tables and chairs will be sanitized between each child's use.
- Weather permitting, students will play outside as much as possible.
- Students will be provided a bag containing individual supplies.
- Parents who wish to send in homework supplies (pencils, crayons, erasers, scissors, etc.) for use during ASP may do so in a gallon Ziploc bag labeled with the student's name. These will not be returned home until the end of the school year.
- Students are asked to bring a snack from home in a brown bag or Ziploc bag separate from their lunch. Please use disposable utensils and containers.
- Parent pick up will take place outside of the Parish Center doors.
- Parents are not permitted to enter the building.
- Little Lions Preschool After School Program will remain its own entity in the preschool classroom until 4:30 pm and will also utilize outdoors.
- Preschool After School pick up will be at the preschool playground door until 4:30 pm.
- At 4:30 pm remaining Preschoolers will join the regular ASP and follow the guidelines set in place.



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