

2021-22 Protocols for RE: In-Person Learning

We are very happy that you are joining our RE program and receiving in-person instruction. We know this has been a difficult time for families, and we hope that we can provide an amazing experience for your children within the boundaries of our COVID protocols.

It is important to know that the safety of all participants is extremely important to us, so we are closely monitoring state and Diocesan directives, and local school situations.

This is a brief outline of what to expect and how we will be proceeding:

Before arriving:

- Make sure your children are feeling healthy. If a household member is exhibiting any of the following symptoms, we ask that your family stay home and do the lesson for the week at home. Possible symptoms include:
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea

While this list does not mean that you have COVID, nor does it include all possible symptom, for the safety of all, we are asking that you stay home and take care of yourself.

As you arrive:

- All students will wear masks, and volunteers will wear masks or face shields. (We will provide appropriate items for volunteers).

As you arrive, continued:

- Temperatures will not need to be taken. Once children enter, they will proceed to the sanitizing station to sanitize their hands.
- Children will maintain social distancing by following the floor/wall signs.

Classroom protocols:

- Before class begins, children will sit while maintaining social distancing for Liturgy of the Word in the “upper deck” area (except for the first weekend of September 11-14, as they will go directly to class). Junior High and GAP go directly downstairs as always.
- Students should bring in their own materials (folder, pencil/pen, crayons or markers or colored pencils, glue stick, scissors, etc.). Your family will be informed if anything needs to be brought in for any special projects.
- Masks will be worn throughout the session.
- Students may bring in their own water bottle vs. using the water fountain.
- Please encourage children to use the bathroom before coming to class.
- All materials needed for the class will be put on the table before your child enters the classroom; students will sit according to a class seating chart.
- When class is almost over, we will ring a bell that will indicate closing time. At this time the students will put away their supplies and prepare for closing prayer in the classroom.
- Classes will be dismissed one at a time to keep social distancing a priority. Students will go directly to parents (in church for Liturgy of the Eucharist, or in Narthex on Mondays/Tuesdays).
- Should a child feel sick, he/she will report to the office and will wait in the nursery area until a parent can pick up the student.
- Classes will be sanitized after each use.

If your child will be absent due to illness/other reason, please call **630-963-3053, ext. 1**, so it can count as an **excused absence**. Your child can make up the work online through **Flipgrid** with the login we provide at the beginning of the year. Three unexcused absences are allowed.

Any questions you have may be addressed to the appropriate director.