

# REOPENING OAKCREST

## 2020 - 2021



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# INTRODUCTION



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The Oakcrest education is a holistic education, one that is highly personal, and this is at the core of its success. In March when normal school operations were closed due to COVID-19, our faculty and staff did an outstanding job in transitioning to Distance Learning.

Our teachers and staff have worked diligently and consistently to learn to meet the needs of the students and to provide as much of the richness of student life as possible.

Because of our strong parent partnership and excellent communication with our faculty, we have gained a wealth of wisdom and experience in order to continue with the very best Oakcrest at a Distance if circumstances require it.

However, we are committed to doing everything we can to welcome faculty and students this fall while providing a safe, healthy environment for them.

Oakcrest is in a particularly good position to offer a safe, healthy environment because we have a spacious new building, a 23-acre campus, and small class sizes.

We are eager to welcome you back to campus this fall!

# ON CAMPUS LEARNING

Oakcrest is diligently preparing for on campus school operations to resume in the fall of 2020. We will follow specific health precautions which will be in accordance with our local, state, and federal requirements.

Because of our small class sizes, our spacious new building, and our 23-acre campus, Oakcrest is in the best position possible to offer students a safe and healthy learning environment.

While specific decisions and plans will be finalized over the next several months as more information and updated public health guidelines are issued, strategies are being considered in the following areas including but not limited to:



Reconfiguration of teaching spaces and programs to allow for physical distancing, if required. This will include using our 23 acre campus to expand the number of teaching spaces available.



Implementation of good hygiene practices and other required health and safety protocols such as:

- Enhanced cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting protocols.
- Propping doors inside the building to reduce touchpoints.
- Note: Our bathroom faucets are touchless and our common areas have touchless hydration stations.



Oakcrest is well positioned to provide our exceptional athletics program to our middle and high school students starting this fall. We offer 17 sports, and all are either moderate or low contact sports. In addition, because we are a small independent school with spacious fields, we are well poised to continue to provide our exceptional athletic program while following safety guidelines.

We are studying the National Federation of High School Sports (NFHS) Return to Play guidelines and will be ready to play if permitted this fall.

# REOPENING PLANNING



Oakcrest School has established a reopening committee which is working diligently to develop a reopening strategy that allows for flexibility and prioritizes the health and safety of our community.

If permitted by state and local authorities, we fully expect that your daughter will begin the 2020-21 academic year on campus with the expectation that specific health and safety procedures may be required. In the event that local authorities close schools, we will transition to Distance Learning for that period and return to on campus learning as soon as we are permitted.



# PREPARING FOR INTERRUPTIONS



As a measure of prudence, Oakcrest is preparing for the possibility of interruption to on campus learning in the 2020-21 school year.

In the event that our campus is closed for a period of time, we will build on what we were able to accomplish in [Distance Learning](#) this spring to offer as many aspects of the Oakcrest experience as possible (such as mentoring, athletics, clubs, and other aspects of student life) in the most meaningful way possible.



Our excellent [all-female faculty](#) will lead your daughter through our [rich liberal arts curriculum](#) designed for young women. Our goal is to ensure that our students are receiving as well-balanced and academically fulfilling an experience as possible. We will continue to offer both live and recorded instruction.

We will return to on campus learning as soon as we are permitted to do so.



# REOPENING COMMITTEE



We look forward to welcoming our students back to our beautiful campus this fall, and encourage you to contact us if you have any questions or concerns about the reopening of our school.

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**Matt Buonocore** *Chief Financial Officer*

**Elizabeth Black** *Dean of Faculty & Curriculum*

**Christie Keuchel** *Associate Head of School, Students*

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