



ST. DOMINIC
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As we begin the 2020-21 school year, we do so in a time of uncertainty. St. Dominic High School will follow the following guidelines for the beginning of the school year. These guidelines have been developed using the recommendations of the Archdiocesan Transition Task Force, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the St. Charles County Department of Public Health. It is important to note that these guidelines will change as circumstances dictate.



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Be it known to all who enter here
that
CHRIST
is the reason for this school.
He is the source and our present teacher in
the classroom. He is the model of the faculty
and the inspiration of the students.



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WHAT WILL STUDENT LEARNING LOOK LIKE?

By following the safety guidelines shared below, it is our hope that in-person learning will be very similar to what school has been previously for students. Taking these measures to help ensure the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health of students, faculty and staff will be an important part of the St. Dominic learning environment.

REMOTE LEARNING

While St. Dominic returns to in-person learning for the fall semester, we recognize some families are unable to participate in, or are uncomfortable with, in-person learning. We are able to provide a state-of-the-art option for these families to allow their child to remotely participate in live learning. We are in the process of equipping every classroom with a “Think Smart Hub” interactive system that will allow a student to log in remotely and fully participate in classes in real time.

Students will still be required to follow all of the same expectations as students who are in person, including wearing their school uniform, being in class before the start, and completing all assessments at the same time as students who are participating in in-person learning. Families will need to notify the main office and their child’s teachers no later than 7:30 am when they will be participating in remote learning.

Students who plan to engage in remote learning for an extended length of time will need to contact their college guidance coordinator to review their schedule. Some restrictions on performance-based classes, such as physical education, may require a schedule change.

Students will not be eligible to participate in co-curricular activities while participating in remote learning.





DAILY PRE-SCREENING OF STUDENTS

Parents and caregivers should screen students for symptoms and exposure at home, prior to coming to school, including:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Headache
- Muscle aches
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell
- New runny nose or congestion
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Close contact with a person with COVID-19 in the last 14 days



SYMPTOMATIC, POSITIVE OR EXPOSED STUDENTS AND STAFF

- Students and staff must stay home if sick.
- If students or staff experience any of the above symptoms, they will be required to stay home until symptom-free for 72 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medication such as Tylenol or ibuprofen.
- Students and staff must stay home for 14 days if they have COVID-19 symptoms or have had close contact with a person with COVID-19, per CDC guidelines.
- Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 must stay home for 10 days, per CDC guidelines.
- The CDC defines “close contact” as being within six feet for a minimum of 15 minutes. **www.cdc.gov**



FACE COVERINGS

- Students will be required to wear a face covering from the time they enter the school building until the time they exit the school, except when eating or outdoors while social distancing.
- Teachers will be required to wear a face covering any time students are present. Teachers will not be required to wear a face covering when on a plan period while social distancing, unless students are present.
- Professional and facilities staff will be required to wear a face covering any time students are present.



CLEANING AND SANITIZING

- Classrooms will be provided with sanitation materials for spot cleaning and to assist with hand hygiene.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided in every classroom.
- All eating areas, classrooms and common areas will be sanitized with an aerial spray every night in preparation for the beginning of the next school day
- Restrooms will be cleaned and sanitized on a rotating basis throughout the day. Some restrooms may be temporarily closed for cleaning throughout the day.



CLASS TRANSITIONS

- To help decrease congestion in hallways, junior and senior students will be released to transition classes two minutes prior to freshmen and sophomores.
- Students in certain parts of the building will be allowed to transition between classes outside. Students in the 300s and 400s will be allowed to transition to the 500s, 600s and Fallon Family Center by traveling outside. Students in the 600s and Fallon Family Center may travel to the 200s and 400s by traveling outside. These transition flows are one-directional only. All students should maintain social distancing during outdoor transitions.
- Students will be permitted to go directly to their first hour class when arriving on campus in the morning.



CLASSROOM LAYOUT

- All non-essential teaching furniture and items will be removed from classrooms to allow for maximum distancing within each classroom.
- All student desks will be forward facing (one direction) whenever possible.
- No permanent pods will be permitted.
- Students will have preassigned seats in each class.
- Student desks will be spaced out to ensure as much distancing between students as possible, in accordance with the guidelines provided by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Archdiocese of St. Louis.



FOOD SERVICE AND EMPOWER HOUR

- Self-service stations will not be available for the time being. This includes the deli bar, salad bar and pizza making station.
- Food Service staff will serve hot entrees to students.
- Grab and go lunches – including pre-packaged sandwiches, salads, desserts, etc. – will be available.
- Students will not be allowed to fill up their personal water bottles from the fountain drink machine in the cafeteria.
- Cash transactions will no longer be accepted. Please refer to information contained in the summer mailing regarding lunch service and My School Bucks.
- All Food Service employees will wear masks while working at school.
- Empower Hour activities may be restricted due to current health concerns. To begin the school year, the fitness center and Fallon Family Center will not be available for student use during Empower Hour.
- Outdoor lunch will be available for students, weather permitting.



SENIOR PRIVILEGE, TARDY STUDENTS AND EARLY DISMISSALS

- Seniors who will arrive late or dismiss early for Senior Privilege will check in and out by accessing a QR code located on the glass window of the main office. Student attendance will be verified using this method.
- Students arriving late to school will check into school by accessing a QR code located on the glass window of the Main Office. Student attendance will be verified using this method.
- Students needing to be dismissed early from school will need to sign out in the Main Office as we have done in the past.



HALLWAYS AND LOCKERS

- Students will not be permitted to use academic lockers for this school year.
- Athletic lockers will be available for use in locker rooms. Students will be required to use a lock purchased from school. Students who drive to school are encouraged to keep their after school athletic gear and clothing in their vehicles during the school day.
- Manual water fountains will be disabled. We are adding three additional sensor water bottle refilling stations in our school building. Students are encouraged to bring a clear water bottle for their own personal use.



CAMPUS VISITORS

- All visitors arriving on campus during school hours will need to page the Main Office using the intercom at the main school entrance doors. In most cases, visitors will be restricted to remaining outside the school building during normal school hours.
- Visiting athletic teams will not be permitted to use locker rooms while playing at St. Dominic.



ADDITIONAL MEDICAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL

- St. Dominic is hiring a school nurse who will be present during the school day to assist any students experiencing illness or medical issues, as well as to administer prescriptions to students.
- If a student or staff member cannot leave immediately from school, they will be directed to an isolation area.
- Our athletic trainer will be available to all students during after-school activities.



STUDENT SERVICE OFFICES

- College guidance coordinators and the wellness counselor will be available by pre-scheduled appointments only. Students will need to email for an appointment.



ALL-SCHOOL MASSES, ASSEMBLIES AND CLASS MEETINGS

- All-school Masses will occur as scheduled without outside guests present. When possible, all students will attend all-school Masses in person. If this cannot be accommodated, Masses will be streamed into classrooms for students and staff.
- Assemblies and class meetings will be limited under the current conditions.



RETREATS

- Retreats occur throughout the course of the school year. As such, each retreat is subject to restrictions, rescheduling or cancellation based on the current health conditions at the time they are scheduled.
- Families will be notified of restrictions, rescheduling or cancellation of a retreat in the most timely manner possible.



PARENT AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Senior Dinner (August 19) is postponed, with a rescheduled date to be determined.
- Back to School Night (August 27) will be conducted virtually. Additional details will follow closer to this date.
- Mid-Semester Parent Conferences (October 14) will be reevaluated closer to this date.
- Open House (October 25) will be reevaluated closer to this date.
- School-sponsored special events will be reevaluated as each event approaches and will be communicated to our families.



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Thank you to our entire school community for your cooperation, flexibility and prayers as we navigate this challenging time.

Please note that protocols for athletics and student activities will be communicated separately.

For the latest COVID-19 updates:

www.stdominichs.org/coronavirus

