

St. Joseph School - Fullerton

2020-2021

Reopening Plan



Mission Statement: St. Joseph School educates children PreK-4 through eighth grade in the Catholic Tradition. Our mission is to provide a positive learning environment in which every child is challenged to develop his/her full potential: academically, spiritually, and morally.

Dear St. Joseph School Families,

We hope this letter finds you safe and well rested and that you had time to have some fun this summer. On behalf of the entire faculty and staff as well as Fr. Jesse and the parish community we have truly missed you and your children over these past five months. We look forward to reuniting our St. Joseph School family at the end of August.

The St. Joseph School Reopening Plan was designed with the health and safety of our faculty, staff, and students as our primary focus and it will continue to be in order to ensure that safe in-person instruction can take place. This plan embeds the policies that were outlined in the Archdiocese of Baltimore Task Force Reopening Guidance document released on July 24, 2020. We understand that COVID-19 continues to be a community health threat, but also recognize the benefits to in-person student instruction as the obligation of parents and caregivers return to work.

St. Joseph School has put measures in place to mitigate risk, including but not limited to, daily health screenings, cloth mask coverings for all, cohorting students, and hand hygiene protocols. It implements personal behavior and social distancing precautions to minimize the risk to students and staff by creating learning bubbles for each homeroom. St. Joseph School will reopen on Monday, August 31 **offering parents two educational options for their students**, in-person five days a week or virtual learning from home. The St. Joseph School Reopening Plan is a living, breathing document that will continue to evolve as we navigate through the school year. We will utilize all of our resources in coordination with the AOB Reopening Guide along with federal, state, county, and local guidelines. As further information becomes available and updated, this plan will be amended and communicated.

We are grateful for everyone's flexibility, patience, and support as we prepare for the 2020-2021 school year. We all have a mix of emotions as we start school in these uncertain times, but appreciate your continued support, dedication, and commitment to Catholic education. We are Wolfpack Strong!

God Bless,

Kenneth J. Pipkin
Principal

Father Jesse Bolger
Pastor

Chrissie Ashby
Assistant Principal

St. Joseph School 2020-2021 Reopening Plan

In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we have made the following adjustments to our campus to provide the safest setting for our students and faculty. Our top priority has and will continue to be the safety, health and well being of anyone on campus.

This is a living document and at any time may need to be amended due to the State of Maryland regulations, Archdiocese of Baltimore regulations, and/or Baltimore County regulations. We will continue to adhere to all state and local policies and adjust accordingly.

In preparation for this year, we have created this document to provide the SJS community with guidance and expectations for the year. There has been a collaborative review by Faculty, Teachers, School Board members and parents in various occupations.



Instructional Updates

Classrooms

- Students and teachers will use hand sanitizer that will be provided when entering their classroom each day.
- Students will be spaced apart in each classroom, following the spacing recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Centers for Disease Control.
- All student's desks will be facing the same direction.
- Students will be assigned to a homeroom for the year and all of their academic classes will take place in that classroom.

- SJS will provide each student a storage crate next to their desk for their supplies, textbooks, lunchboxes and personal belongings. No lockers or coat rooms will be used in order to adhere to social distancing requirements.
- All students are required to bring all of their books and supplies to school each day. Teachers will let students know which books they need to bring to school each day to help with the weight of the backpacks. Please see the [supply lists](#) for the specific list of school/art supplies needed for each grade on the school website.
- Science Labs will be done via demonstration by their teacher. Students will take part in virtual labs when possible.
- All students will receive the login information for their ChromeBook, Google Account and any other apps requiring a log-in.
- Students at home will have access to the same apps, websites and curriculum as those in school.
- The use of worksheets/paper will be kept to a minimum.
- All soft surfaces and plush seating have been removed from classrooms.



- Students will not be allowed to share materials, supplies, or toys.
- Students are required to wear masks as they exit their car and wear them the entire time they are in school. Students will be allowed to remove their masks for drinks, snacks, lunch, and mask breaks. (Directions for safe removal of masks will be given and practiced by the student's teachers and will follow all appropriate guidelines.)
- Labeled spacing in the hallways and in the classroom for students to keep their distance during instruction and as they enter and exit the building.
- Teachers will move to different classrooms for

all content area instruction to reduce the movement of students on campus.

- Students will be placed in 2 Homerooms for in person learning or virtual learning. These have been created with the students Math and Reading Levels in mind. The teachers will collaboratively teach to differentiate instruction to meet the needs of all students.
- Schedules have been adjusted to accommodate the possibility of learning from home if the State of Maryland mandates us to do so.
- Teachers' social contact with students will be limited. Students will remain in their seats/designated areas while at school.
- Hand sanitizer and/or touch free dispensers will be installed in each classroom and around the building. Students must use this as they enter their homerooms and at several times throughout the day.
- Safety Drills will be completed safely while adhering to social distance guidelines.
- No birthday treats can be brought into school this year. Student birthdays will be recognized but please do not send in any treats or snacks. We will resume these traditions and class celebrations when it is deemed safe.

Technology

We are well positioned for reopening in the fall due to our existing infrastructure, technology capacity, and our procurement, including but not limited to the following equipment or digital service upgrades:

- Every student will have a designated device that will only be used by them each day, for the entire year.(PreK through 1st grade - iPads; 2nd through 8th grade - Chromebooks)
- Students that are participating at home will be given a device to use for learning. This device will be loaded with all programs and apps needed for the curriculum.
- Devices are protected through the EnviroShield Spray (see below in Cleaning) however, frequent wiping down of the devices will still occur.
- We will evaluate how/when devices will be used at home for students attending in person.
- All students will sign and follow the Technology Usage Agreement which states that they are responsible for the device.
- 35 AMX Acendo Vibe camera/sound bar units and tripods have been purchased for SJS teachers. This technology will enable educators to present synchronous instruction to students who are learning at home and in the classroom.
- Screen time will be managed and monitored through the schedule, as we know that this is a concern during these times.
- **PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY**- All cell phones and other electronic devices should be left at home. We will not be utilizing the front closet to hold those items this year. If it is absolutely necessary to be with your child, please ensure that they are off and remain off the entire time while at school.



Classroom Location Adjustments - (In order to provide the optimum amount of social distancing for those families selecting in-person instruction we have relocated some learning spaces.)

- Ms. DeMelim's 3rd grade classroom will be relocated to the Multimedia Center.
- Ms. O'Riordan's classroom, our new 4th grade teacher, will be moved to Mr. Lawrence's classroom.
- Our Pre-K 4 program will move upstairs to the current Language Lab and to the previous 4th grade classroom. They will still use their designated bathrooms.
- Ms. Coster's 8th grade class will move downstairs to the music classroom.
- Mrs. Grace's Guidance Office will be moved to Ms. DeMelim's previous classroom to allow for Nurse Mary to have extra health room space. ***All classrooms are subject to change due to MD State regulations, AOB Guidance and/or the needs of the school population at SJS.*

Masks

- Everyone in the building must wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth.
- All masks should be labeled.
- All masks will be put in the students lunch bag and/or in a ziploc bag while they eat.
- As per the AOB Guidance, all masks are to be cloth they can also be disposable masks. Gaiters/neck scarves are **not** permitted.
- The mask does **not** have to be school colors but should be school appropriate and not have any political, suggestive, inappropriate, or distracting content on the mask.



- Students are **NOT** allowed to trade masks for any reasons.
- The school reserves the right to determine if the mask is appropriate for school.
- Anyone that can not comfortably wear a mask for the day must remain at home.
- All students need to have one extra mask in their backpack in a ziploc bag in case there is a need to change their mask during the day.
- Families who wish for their child to wear face shields or safety glasses in addition to masks will be permitted but not in place of the required masks.
- Nurse Mary will be teaching students the appropriate/safe way to remove their masks.
- Masks must be washed after each day before reuse on the next day so everyone arrives each day with a clean mask.
- Students should practice wearing their masks for extended periods of time before school starts to ensure choosing a comfortable mask.
- Signs will be installed at all entrance/exit doors stating the mask policy.
- Additional information about masks including wearing and washing masks can be found on the Center for Disease Control's website.

[CDC - Guidance for K-12 School Administrators on the Use of Cloth Face Covering in Schools Link](#)

Special Areas Instruction

- The teachers will be coming into the individual classrooms.
- Specials are working like all classroom teachers to provide instruction that is fun but safe. (ie: Music - tapping and drumming to keep rhythm, Art - sketchbooks for drawing and Library - bring your favorite book to school and talk about it.)
- The Multimedia Center will not be used for the Library, since it is being used for 3rd grade.
- Art projects will be done in one setting/class period.
- No Singing is allowed in Music, students will participate in a Music Appreciation Class this year.
- Physical Education (PE) will be outside as often as weather permits.
- Students at home will be expected to complete the same assignments as those in school when possible.
- The Specials schedule has been adjusted, so children may not have all 5 specials as in previous years.
- STAR Academy Robotics for Grades 5-8 will not occur in the Fall, but will be re-evaluated to see if it is safe for the Spring.

Attendance Policy

- All students, regardless of In-Person Instruction or Virtual Learning, are expected to attend school daily. Teachers will be taking attendance and work will be assigned for them to complete daily.
- Students that are not actively participating will earn grades that reflect their effort.
- We will follow the inclement weather policy outlined in the handbook.

Uniform Policy

Temporary modifications will be made to our uniform policy for the start of the school year for both in-person and online students. The changes are geared toward health and safety guidelines.

- Students have the option of wearing the summer uniform or PE uniform to school each day until we identify the need to transition to colder weather options.
- Please note that students in person and at home are **not** to mix and match the two uniforms each day.(i.e. ½ PE and ½ summer).
- When we reach the winter months, students will still be allowed to wear the SJS polo to provide comfort and ties will not be required for Middle School. The goal is to have the students as comfortable as possible throughout the day since they are wearing masks.
- Students choosing virtual instruction must wear a school uniform during Zoom lessons.
- Students who are unable to tie their shoes are recommended to utilize shoes with velcro straps in order to provide less contact with staff to help. Teachers cannot tie shoes.
- We will address and adjust the Winter Uniform as needed as the year progresses.

Bathrooms

- Bathrooms will be limited to three children at a time.
 - All faculty and staff will be helping to monitor this.
- Sinks and toilets have been marked or closed to provide the appropriate social distancing.
- Posters on proper handwashing will be on display in every bathroom, along with signs citing the permitted number of occupants per bathroom.
- Masks must be worn in the bathrooms.



Water Fountains

- We have closed the drinking part of our water fountains but are allowing the bottle refill portion of the water fountain to remain open.
- All students should have a refillable water bottle with them daily. All water bottles must not exceed 18 ounces and must be reusable, not disposable.
- Water fountains will be sanitized frequently throughout the day.

Social Distance in the Hallways/Entrance/Exits

- We have established safe hallways guidelines through the use of lines, arrows and decals to remind students and staff the appropriate directions and spacing requirements.
- There will be designated entry and exit paths so that they do not cross paths while walking indoors.
- Each homeroom will have a separate entrance and exit door.
- Parents picking up Pre-K and Kindergarten students are asked to wear a mask and remain socially distant as those children are dismissed.
- Parents picking up grades 1 - 2 are asked to wear a mask and remain in their designated waiting area while keeping social distance.
- Parents picking up students in grades 3-8 are asked to wear a mask and remain socially distant or wait by their cars for their child.
- Directional signs and markers will be placed on floors, guiding the flow of traffic in the hallways to mitigate risk and to promote social distancing.



Lunch and Recess

- Every child must bring their own lunch to school **EACH DAY** since we will not be able to provide ANY hot lunch by HASA or Good Taste Catering through December. (This will be reevaluated in November to see if we can provide a lunch option in January).
- We will **NOT** be offering any Milk this fall. All students **MUST** bring their own drinks.
- **Students will need to bring all of the necessary utensils for their meals.**
- Lunch will not be able to be reheated or refrigerated at school. Lunches will be stored next to each student's desk.
- Please include an empty ziploc bag in your child's lunch box so that they can properly store their mask while they eat lunch.
- Keep lunches simple and easy for your child to open to lessen the amount of handling/support from adults.
- Hand washing/sanitizing will be required before and after lunch.
- Peanut butter will be limited for lunches based on the allergies of classmates. Each classroom will be notified if PB will be permitted.
- Children will continue to eat in their classrooms as they have done previously.
- Desks will be cleaned before and after each meal/snack.
- We will extend lunch and recess to ensure that there is enough time for the children to eat, clean, move around outside, and socialize.
- Staggered lunch breaks in each homeroom will be implemented so that not all students have their masks off at the same time at once. This means that half the class will eat, while the other half remains masked, and then students will switch.
- Recess will be outside every day (weather permitting) to ensure students get fresh air and a break from their masks keeping a 6-foot social distance from classmates.
- No Playgrounds will be used during or after school.
- Recess games and activities have been modified to adhere to current regulations.
- Additional trash cans are being added to each room so that students are not entering the hallway to throw snack/lunch trash away.

Catholic Identity

- We will continue to integrate our Catholic identity across the school.
- No Students will be attending Mass in person.
- Strategies to promote Catholic identity include, but are not limited to:
 - School-wide prayer services and Masses streamed online weekly through December for both in person students and virtual students to attend weekly.
 - Daily prayer for all students, whether they are learning in-person or at home.
 - Increasing the amount of Catholic identity integration into other content areas.



After School Activities

- All after school programs, activities, clubs and teams will not meet through December.
 - This will reduce the amount of in-person meetings on campus.
 - This will be reevaluated in the fall for January.
- Homework Connection after school has been suspended through December.
- All in-person private tutoring will not be offered through December.

- Due to State, Local, and AOB guidelines we have to eliminate all large gatherings this fall including:
 - Sneak a Peek at your Seat, Back to School Picnic, Grandparents Day, Back to School Night, Parent Conferences, Fall HASA Dance, Red Ribbon Parade, Trunk or Treat and the Christmas Show.
 - We will send out updates in our Wednesday Wolfpack Weekly email as to how we will facilitate Back-to-School Night and Parent/Teacher Conferences.

After Care

- Students that attend after care will be escorted to their bus, van, or location on campus by an adult. Please contact your after care providers to make sure you are aware of the protocol put into place by those specific aftercare centers.

Visitors

- No visitors will be allowed in the building.
- No parent volunteers will be allowed at this time.
- We have redesigned deliveries such as U.S. Mail, FedEx, and UPS to limit contact. They will all deliver to the loading dock or parish office to eliminate anyone additional entering the school.
- Our building access policy will provide exceptions to include permitting visits by the following:
 - emergency personnel responding to a call for assistance
 - vendors and contractors to address emergency situations
 - substitute teachers
 - members of the parish staff who support the school operations
- If for any reason that you need to come to school please call ahead and arrive wearing a mask. No one will be allowed to enter the building without a mask.

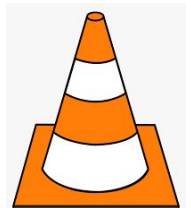
Ventilation

- To maximize air quality Hepa Air Purifiers will be placed in each classroom where they will achieve the best results.
- Air conditioners and ceiling fans will be utilized to keep rooms cool.
- Per CDC guidelines, circulating outside air reduces virus spread, classrooms will also open windows and use ceiling fans (where applicable) to increase circulation of outdoor air.

Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

Parents are required to complete the SJS Symptom Screening Google Form on a daily basis before dropping off their students. The form will be emailed/texted to parents at 5:30 am.

Due to the current situation, we will not have safeties available. Please follow the signs and directions of the faculty and staff for morning drop off. All students will need to be dropped off in the front lot via the “snake line”. Pre-K will be the only students that are dropped off in a different location, which will be next to the Gymnasium doors.



Morning Drop Off General Procedures

- All students must have a mask on when they arrive.
- All students **MUST** be dropped off in the snake line out front of the school.
- No student is permitted to be dropped off early.
- The congregating of students outside the main entrance will not be permitted for the safety of all students.
- Our doors will open at 7:35 a.m. as usual.
- We will start the car line at 7:35 a.m.
- Once students enter the building they will go directly to their homeroom and will remain in that classroom for the remainder of the day.
- The only time that students will be leaving their classrooms is for physical education outdoors (weather permitting), recess, and if their class has permission to go outside for a class session.
- All exterior doors will be propped open for arrival so that students do not have to touch them. An adult will be there to monitor all those entering.
- Adults at the doors will have a live time feed of the **SJS Symptom Screening Google Form** to monitor all students entering. Any student's parent that did not complete the form each day **will not be permitted** to enter the school until the nurse is notified and can contact you regarding the completion of the **SJS Symptom Screening Google Form**.
- **Pre-K**
 - All students must have a mask on when they arrive.
 - They will be dropped off in front of the main gym entrance closest to the prayer labyrinth.
 - Prior to entering the building, children and parents will be met by a teacher and due to MD Law, Pre-K will need their temperatures taken on campus to be recorded. (That parking lot will be closed for parking and will only be utilized as a Pre-K drop off and pick up space and a playground as well.)
- **Grades K-8**
 - All students must have a mask on when they arrive.
 - All students will all arrive via the snake line in grades K-8.
 - This year **no one is allowed to walk-up** to the door from the Church parking lot.
 - Since there will not be any students/Safety Patrol outside to open the car doors for our children, they will need to do this themselves.
 - Drop-off time will be extended to allow for extra time for a safe arrival. Students will not be marked late until we can identify the amount of time it takes to complete drop off.
 - Students will enter a variety of doors and head straight to their classrooms. All students will still exit their car in the same place but then head to their designated doors:
 - Middle School will enter through the Parish Center doors.
 - 4th and 5th grade will enter by the Gymnasium closest to the main parking lot.
 - 1st grade, 2nd grade, and Ms. DeMelim's 3rd grade class will enter the lower level doors by the Statue of Mary.
 - Kindergarten and Mrs. Pappas' 3rd grade will enter the main doors of the school.

Afternoon Dismissal General Procedures

Those picking up students will need to stay socially distant wearing a mask outside of the school as they pick up their students.

- **Pre-K**
 - Students will be dismissed through the gym door at 2:35 p.m. This is the same door that they entered through in the morning. If you do not have any other students at SJS, please exit the campus quickly.
- **Kindergarten**
 - Students will be dismissed out of the main entrance of the school at 2:45 p.m. Parents that have no other students are asked to exit the campus quickly. If you have other students please wait socially distant for them to be dismissed.
- **Grades 1-8**
 - Students will exit the building through the same doors that they entered. ALL parents are asked to be socially distant or wait by their cars for their students **EXCEPT** 1st grade and 2nd grade. They are allowed to wait in their designated waiting areas while keeping social distance and wearing masks. Parents are asked to follow the signage that determines the designated areas.

Guidelines for Virtual Instruction

Expectations/Requirements

- Supply pick-up day is scheduled for **FRIDAY AUGUST 28th** for those participating virtually to pick up textbooks, devices, and any other school-supplied materials. Specific details will be sent out in the Wolfpack Weekly Wednesday Email.
- Students at home are expected to have all of the supplies listed on their supply lists so that they can complete assignments.
- Students at home will be given a schedule and are expected to be online at assigned times and actively participating in the instruction. Links for Zoom sessions will be given out by the subject area teachers.
- All students are to be **dressed in a school uniform(PE or Summer) and seated at a table or desk.**
- Students should be seated in a quiet place free from distractions and ready to learn.
- Students at home will be able to see the teacher and board in the front of the classroom.
- Teachers and students in the classroom will be able to hear the students at home.
- Zoom lessons will be recorded in case of technical difficulties.
- Students at home are expected to complete the assignments given in the same amount of time that the students in class have, and should be done by the students completely so that the teachers can fully gauge their understanding of the material.
- Students should be monitored to ensure that they are participating appropriately and that they have the materials needed to complete each lesson.
- The use of Virtual Backgrounds is **NOT ALLOWED** during virtual instruction as these can be very distracting.



- Students must remain virtually present during each class and may only leave with permission of the teacher. Students must be fully visible.
- Students may not take screenshots without the expressed permission of the teacher.
- Teachers will have the right to remove a student from a virtual learning session. In such cases, a student's class performance grade will be affected and the school administration will be notified.

Health and Wellness

St. Joseph School is committed to prioritizing social-emotional learning (SEL) for the 2020-2021 school year.

- The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all students and now, more than ever, it is critical for students to be equipped with the necessary skills to express and regulate their emotions, problem solve, develop and strengthen relationships, reduce stress and anxiety, and build resiliency.
- Ms. Grace, our school counselor, will be working closely with all grade levels to provide class meetings and lessons to address the emotional well-being of students.

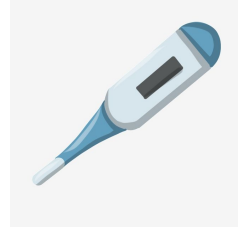
Daily Screenings and Protocols

- **Faculty**
 - All faculty members will be asked to complete a COVID-19 screening each morning and log their information.
 - No faculty member with a temperature of 100 degrees or more will be allowed to come to work that day.
 - Faculty must remain fever free for 48 hours prior to them returning to work.
 - If they are exhibiting ANY symptoms, they are to remain at home.
- **Pre K-4**
 - All students will require a temperature check on campus, and witnessed by their teacher, and logged daily. This documentation is required by MSDE.
 - No one with a temperature of 100 degrees or more will be allowed to enter school as well as their siblings.
 - Check your child for symptoms, if they are exhibiting ANY symptoms, they are to remain at home as well as their siblings.
- **Kindergarten through 8th Grade**
 - All parents of students coming to school on a daily basis in grades K - 8 will be required to complete the **SJS Symptom Screening Google Form** each morning prior to arriving at school.
 - The form will be emailed/texted to you at 5:30 am every day and will provide the school live updates of those individuals that have not completed the form.
 - Students that arrive at school without a completed form will not be permitted to enter the school until the nurse is notified and can contact you.
 - Any students with a temperature of 100 degrees or more will not be allowed to attend school that day, as well as their siblings.
 - Check your child for symptoms, if they are exhibiting ANY symptoms, they are to remain at home as well as their siblings.



Guidelines for Fevers

- No one with a temperature of 100 degrees or more will be permitted in school.
- Students and Faculty must be fever free for 48 hours prior to the return to school.
- All siblings of anyone with a fever must remain at home as well.
- Temperatures must be taken and recorded ***WITHOUT*** the use of any fever reducing medicine.



Health Suite

- Our health suite has been modified to ensure healthy students who need medication to be dispensed or who need other non-illness related treatment, will be cared for without exposure to potential infection.
- We have implemented the use of additional space in case the need arises to isolate a student or faculty member.
- SJS has a supply of additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (including gloves, goggles, gowns, and N-95 rated face masks) for staff who are caring for a student or staff member who is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.
- A Hepa-Filter has been added to purify the air in the Health Suite as well.

Isolation Room

- We have created an isolation area where students and staff who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 can be separated from the rest of the school population.
- This room is the current Nurse's office. All other non-COVID-19 patients will be seen in Ms. Grace's previous office (her office is temporarily relocated).
- Anyone that is showing signs of COVID-19 will exit the building through the door by the back porch to limit contact with anyone else in the building.

COVID-19 Protocols

- The AOB is designing all of the protocols in coordination with the CDC for any students or staff that may have been directly exposed or come in contact with someone with COVID-19.
- These protocols will have a myriad of scenarios. We will share the flow chart that comes from those protocols when it is released in the next two weeks.
- Students and staff whose possible exposure to COVID-19 is being investigated, and those who are exhibiting symptoms, will be required to be tested in accordance with recommendations of state and local health authorities.
- If a child(ren) is asked to quarantine for 14 days, then they will be asked to participate in their learning Virtually for those 2 weeks.
- The current Archdiocese of Baltimore protocols link is below
- Nurse Mary will have a section in the Wednesday Wolfpack Weekly with Health Updates.

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Cleaning and Disinfecting

Daily Procedures

- We will follow our normal cleaning procedures with our cleaning company but have also added extra measures to disinfect the building.
- Our staff will clean frequently touched surfaces periodically throughout the day where it is deemed necessary.



Extra Protection

- The building will be sprayed with a protectant called Enviro Shield. This is a spray that will protect all surfaces for at least 90 days from germs and viruses. Links for this product can be found at the end of this document under resources. We will have the product reapplied when it is needed.
- Additional 3-4 hours of cleaning and disinfecting, with increased attention to frequently touched surfaces (i.e. door handles, sink handles, desks, chairs, stair railings) will be done on a regular basis by our current cleaning company.

Student Support Services

Accommodations and Modifications

- The SJS Leadership Team and the Student Accommodations Team will work together with the parents, teachers and students to provide support in efforts for all students to be successful.
- Please note that at this time, some accommodations and modifications may not be possible due to the policies and protocols that are in place.

Third Party Academic Support

BCPS Speech and Language and/or Title One Services

- Tutors, Therapists, or other individuals who previously were granted access to St. Joseph School to work with a child, must now arrange to provide those services remotely (as applicable) and work with Mrs. Tabb for Speech and Mrs. Dilks for Title I to develop schedules to meet student needs. SJS will work with families and the Title I services to make this possible.

Out of State Travel

- Students (attending in person) are advised if they intend to travel to a state with a positivity rate for COVID-19 of 10% or greater during the period of their stay, notification of such intention must be communicated to the school. For purposes of this guidance, the positivity rate should be based upon the average rate as determined for the period of the entire stay. Parents of the student electing to proceed with this travel will in coordination with the school administration and the school nurse, design a plan of action for the return of the student to the classroom. The following website provides information regarding the positivity rate for all 50 States, US Territories and popular international destinations. <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/testing/testing-positivity>

Social Contract of Our Community

Keys to Success

- The key to the entire program's success and what we can do this fall is **OUR** social contract.
- Our values, honesty and mutual sharing of information based on respect are required if we are going to glean the significant benefits of a Catholic Education.
- Through your embrace of the new behavioral norms, we can increase the likelihood of protecting each other's health and be together as we proceed this fall.
- Students who will be learning in person are asked to limit their social interactions outside of school.
- Students who are unable to comply with all school and classroom expectations will be required to convert to virtual learning.
- Families that have to travel for any reason, are asked to adhere to CDC/State of MD Quarantine Regulations as necessary.
- Families that are learning virtually are asked to submit only their students' work, so that a true assessment of their understanding can be made.
- There are no guarantees. The only certainty is that each community member's behavior will determine our collective success.
- It is critical that we all do our part to make this plan successful. If everyone follows the guidelines that are put into place, then we are all helping to promote the health of everyone at SJS.
- Due to these uncertain times, things can change at a moment's notice. It is very important to **read all emails and the Wolfpack Weekly Wednesday Email** for updates.
- As per the Archdiocese of Baltimore, all students that are attending school in person, are required to complete a **Notice of Risk** and turn it into school on the first day of school.
- Click here to review the [Notice of Risk](#) that must accompany all students that are attending in person this fall.

Making Your Selection

Please read the following carefully before completing the Commitment Form

On July 24th, we asked each family for input for the 2020-2021 academic year. Based on the results of that survey, the two choices yielded for our families are:

1) attend school five days a week in-person

or

2) attend via virtual learning at home

SJS can safely welcome back those families who select in-person instruction. We have measured, counted, and identified all appropriate spaces to provide the proper social distancing for those students. We understand that some of you feel more comfortable at home during these times, and we respect that decision as well.

The third option of a Hybrid model included in the original survey was too difficult to implement with these other two options based on logistics while still keeping the integrity of our strong Catholic education in place.

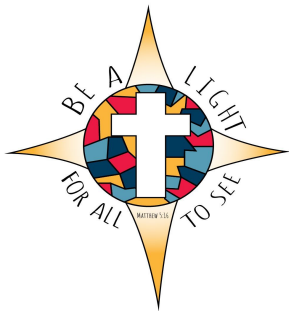
We are asking that you complete the attached form for your **final commitment** for the beginning of the 2020 school year by **Monday, August 10th**.

- **“What if I select all in-person and change my mind?”**
 - We understand that this is a difficult time and are supportive of your decisions. Families can switch to distance learning at any time they feel necessary.

- **“What if I select all virtual instruction and change my mind?”**
 - If you select this option, we are asking families to commit to virtual instruction at home for at least six weeks. If you would like your child to return to school for in-person instruction, we ask that you contact the school office and we will put you on the list to return for in-person learning. Once we reach the midpoint of the first trimester (October 15th) we will identify if there is space in the grade you are requesting to return your student back to in-person instruction.

Please know that if the results of the Commitment Form yield a setting that is not appropriate for socially distant in person learning, we may have to adjust our decision based on the numbers. It is important that you honestly answer what your commitment is for the Fall of 2020. As we have continued to state, our main focus is the safety of everyone on the SJS campus. Please note that if too many people plan to participate in person, we may have to adopt a hybrid approach so that protocols can adequately accommodate the number of returning students

All decisions and changes to the plan will continue to be based on the safety of our entire school community. The Planning Team has identified the safest number of seats available at each grade level and in each classroom. **We can not exceed that number.** This is why we are asking you to make your decision so that we can plan accordingly to provide the best educational experience for your child(ren). **Please select one of the following options by Monday, August 10th and complete one intent form(BELOW) for each student enrolled in the school.**



[**SJS COMMITMENT SELECTION LINK**](#)



Thank you for your continued commitment and support of St. Joseph School. We appreciate you taking the time to read this document and we pray that you are all safe and well.

Resources

- [AOB Reopening Guidelines Link](#)
- [CDC - Guidance for K-12 School Administrators on the Use of Cloth Face Covering in Schools Link](#)
- [CDC - Preparing K-12 School Administrators for a Safe Return to School in Fall 2020 Link](#)
- [Screening K-12 Students for Symptoms of COVID-19: Limitations and Considerations - Link](#)
- [American Academy for Pediatrics Link](#)
- [American Journal of Infection Control - Link for cleaning Product](#)
- [EnviroShield](#)
- [SD 90+ AND ENVIROSHIELD ENDURE PRODUCT OVERVIEW](#)
- [VYTIS SHIELD](#)

