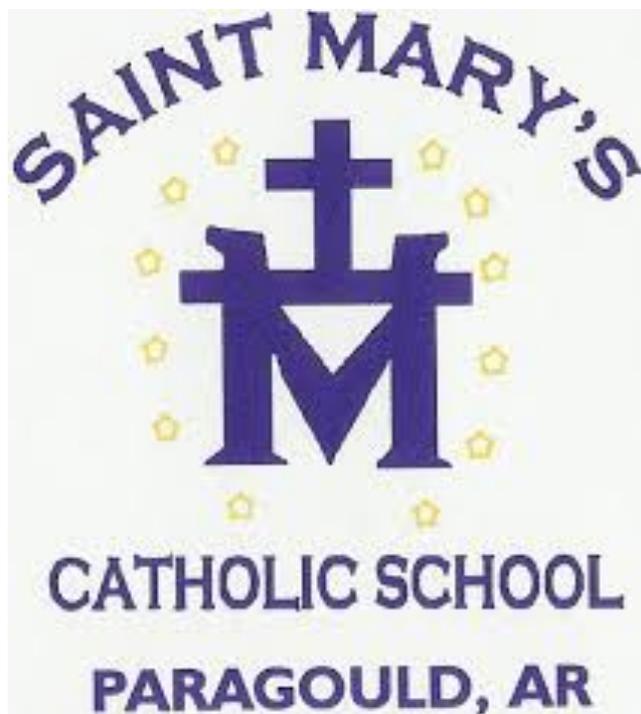


St. Mary's Catholic School 2020-2021 Re-Entry Plan



July 28, 2020

St. Mary's School will follow the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) guidelines. We hope the following information helps answer many of the questions you may have about reopening schools.

Our goal will be to provide as safe an experience as possible that includes a rich education, with opportunities for social interaction and extra-curricular activities while adhering to guidelines provided by the Arkansas Department of Health.

When is the first day for students? School will begin on **August 24, 2020** as originally planned. This date will only change if the diocese or ADH sends updated guidance with such requirements.

Who will be required to wear face coverings? Currently, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the ADH is recommending all individuals 10 years and older wear a face covering when social distancing is not possible. St. Mary's will recommend face coverings for **3-6 grades** and all staff **when social distancing is not possible**. For example, when entering and exiting the building, visiting the restroom, and going to the lunchroom or library.

Do we need to provide masks for our student or will one be provided? The school will provide **one cloth mask for every 3rd and 6th grader**.

How normal will the day be for a student? Our goal is for your child to have as normal of a day as possible while also staying as safe as possible. Room arrangement, disinfecting measures, and common hygiene will be practiced during the school term.

Will students still have extra classes like PE, art, music, library, etc.? Yes, the students will continue to participate in activity classes, check out library books, and such. Extra measures will be taken to ensure that all guidelines will be adhered to during these activities.

Will my student still have recess? Yes, outdoor play will still occur. Fresh air is important for good health. **K-2 will have 15 minutes of recess**

followed by 3-6 having 15 minutes two times daily. Additionally, equipment will be sanitized as needed.

Will classrooms be arranged differently to protect my child? Yes, classrooms will be arranged to provide more space between students. This may include desk arrangement, reading centers, dividers, removal of cloth chairs, etc. We will make every effort to provide distance but not limit students ability to interact and communicate with others. Additionally, supplies and materials will not be shared by students. Clear partitions will be placed in all rooms.

Will students attend school every day? We plan for students to attend school daily following a very similar schedule as the traditional school day.

Will students and adults be screened daily? We ask that all students and staff self-screen by answering the following ADH screening questions each day prior to reporting to school:

- Have you had a fever of 100.4 or greater in the last 2 days?
- Have you had a cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell? (outside of normal seasonal circumstances)
- Have you been in contact with a person lab confirmed to have COVID-19 within the previous 14 days?

Students will have temperatures checked in the car by an employee at the school gate. Anyone entering the building will have their temperature checked as well.

If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, what will happen? In the event that an individual tests positive, we will be in direct contact with the ADH and follow the latest guidance from them. This could result in a brief closure with time for additional cleaning.

If I don't want my student to return to a traditional classroom, what are my options? Parents who wish to keep their child at home will receive materials for the child to work at home. Work will be picked up on Mondays and returned on Fridays. Teachers will be available for help during designated times. In the case that the entire school is closed, Zoom classes will be conducted. Since we don't want to act in haste, at this time, we are monitoring other options for virtual learning.

Will we have an open house? At this time, we are planning on having open-sided tents available on the playground area with drop-off areas for supplies. In addition, you may bring your child in their uniform for a “First Day of School Picture”. This will be a sign-up for each family that will be emailed. The date is set for Tuesday, August 18th and Thursday, August 20th. Both days are 5:00-6:00pm.

Will visitors be allowed to enter the building? Persons allowed to enter the building will be staff, students, or professionals providing necessary services to students. Parents picking up students may go no further than the main foyer. Any person entering the building will have their temperature checked.

Special arrangements are being made for Kindergarten

Will students eat lunch in the lunchroom? Yes, students will eat in the lunchroom. **If social distancing is not possible**, masks will be worn (3rd - 6th, staff) until seated with tray. Masks will also be worn when emptying trays and leaving the building. **Each child will have an assigned seat to maintain minimal contact.**

Will students be able to access the water fountain? Each student will need to bring a bottle of water to school daily. They will be allowed to refill the bottle at the fountain. No drinking from the fountain by mouth will be allowed. **We are working on purchasing a water fountain that also contains a bottle refill station. This will be monitored when children are filling their bottles.**

What special precautions will be implemented in regard to cleaning and sanitizing? Sanitation and cleanliness will be high priority for our school. Staff will clean high touch surfaces (door knobs, light switches, etc.) and restrooms throughout the day. We will also mist each room with a sanitizing solution (this will also disinfect computers and equipment). Hand sanitizer will be at all entrances and ample time for handwashing. Students will be asked to wash/sanitize each time they enter a new space.

If a student comes to school sick, what will happen? If a student comes to school sick, they will be screened and have temperature taken. If

the temperature is 100.4 or above, the student will be sent home and will need to be fever free for 48 hours (without the use of medication) before returning to school. Temperature will be checked upon returning to school.

What happens if we have school closures again? If schools close again, a plan for at-home digital learning is being developed. This plan **will include Zoom**. Blending digital and in class learning will become the norm and allow all who miss keep up with their class.

It is our goal to ensure that everyone feels as safe as possible. Please know that we are taking your child's health and those around us very seriously.

Feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions.

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