

The God of all grace who called you to his eternal glory through Christ [Jesus] will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you after you have suffered a little.

1 Peter 5:10

Dear Families of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School,

Thank you for your patience, your understanding, and your flexibility as we meet the changes and uncertainty we have faced together and will continue to face due to the pandemic. We know you have many questions about what to expect for the coming year at our school.

It is with great joy and hope that I announce our plan to open the 2020-2021 year at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School August 13th as scheduled on campus with students and teachers in our classrooms. The health and safety of each student, teacher, and staff member will continue to guide our decisions as we work with the Diocese of Tulsa, the Catholic Schools Office, the administration of our local Catholic Schools, and the Tulsa Health Department to implement guidelines from the CDC and local, state, and federal government agencies.

We have outlined several contingency plans in order to respond flexibly to the public health guidelines while providing a quality Catholic education and support for our school community. These contingency plans are grouped into three schedules, with flexibility within each schedule, to allow for an appropriate response in this ever-changing pandemic.

Schedule A Regular school schedule, on campus, with additional safety procedures, such as:

- Additional sanitation throughout campus
- Temperature screenings prior to entry for faculty, staff, students, and visitors
- Social distancing practices including separate desk/work areas and individual supplies & texts
- Designated movement patterns around the building to minimize congestion
- Frequent hand-washing opportunities
- Masks will be encouraged, but optional
- Additional outdoor time will be encouraged

In response to rates of infection in the larger community, students may be grouped by grade to reduce exposure and increase containment in the event of infection. Teachers would move rather than students from class to class, and lunch and specials would take place in the homeroom classroom.

Schedule B If a further reduction in attendance on campus is required, the following options may be used.

- Day rotation: Each grade would be divided into two groups. One group receives face-to-face instruction Monday & Tuesday, one group receives face-to-face instruction Thursday and Friday. Three days of assignments would be provided to be completed at home.
- Week rotation: Selected grade levels would alternate weeks of face-to-face instruction and assignments for home completion. For example, PK, 1, 3, 5, and 7 would attend in person during Week A and K, 2, 4, 6, and 8 would attend in person during Week B.

In these two rotation options, we will continue to explore the allowable opportunities for additional support for learning through on-line meeting options and limited technology supports & access on campus.

- **Break and Make Up:** The entire school has an additional break per public health guidelines and/or requirements, with missed time made up through the addition of minutes added to the school day and/or days added to the school calendar, not to extend beyond June 18th.

Schedule C If necessary, and to meet requirements from governing officials and guidelines from the CDC and Tulsa Health Department, we will implement distance learning for the entire school using Google Classroom, on-line instructional meetings (Zoom or Google Meets), video instruction, and work packets. Again, we will continue to explore the allowable opportunities for additional support for learning through on-line meeting options including telephone conferences and limited technology supports & access on campus.

We are grateful for your partnership in providing a faith-filled education for your students. In the coming weeks, I will be discussing these schedules further with our faculty and staff as well as monitoring the evolving guidance from public health experts. I will be requesting your input also as we make important decisions regarding the implementation of aspects of these contingency plans.

I take heart in this guidance from St. Paul:

Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Romans 12:12

Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us. May your joy be full!

In Christ,

Joanne Brown, Principal