

June Parent Letter Thursday, June 25, 2020

I know that you are anxious and have a lot of questions about our return to school this August. As we shared in the parent letter at the beginning of June, we are fully focused and actively working on the return to school plan for August. The Archdiocese has provided us with a preliminary plan outline and we have had task force meetings with parents and community members to work on the details of a specific, feasible and safety-conscious plan to return to school this August. We are also looking at the back to school plans released by the State of Georgia and Mississippi for guidance and input as we wait for the State of Alabama to release their procedures and policies for Alabama schools to open for the new school year. In addition, we are talking with Baldwin County public schools to make sure that we are paralleling our community schools in our personal CTKCS plan. Our goal is to have a detailed and informative document to release to our parents and community by mid-July.

We are excited to welcome students back to the campus in August and start on campus learning on August 12th. The safety of students and staff is of utmost importance and this letter briefly outlines how CTKCS will continue to provide a quality Catholic education in the safest possible environment.

CTKCS will prepare handbooks for the special circumstances which we face at school for this return in August to help faculty, students and parents successfully navigate all the scenarios we might face. We will have extra back to school meetings to make sure that we have communicated all the new policies, procedures and plans to all our parents, students and involved community members. Although we will have to modify this as we receive updated guidelines from the federal and state governments, the CDC, and the Archdiocese, we are preparing for what we believe will be one of three main scenarios. The next page outlines these briefly.

Please know that we are committed to providing an outstanding education for your student, even as the environment continues to change. Specific procedures for different levels of exposure scenarios will be addressed in the July Return to School Plan and supplementary handbook. We thank you for your patience and support as we navigate these new waters. We are blessed with an amazing school community, and we will get through this together.



Scenario A: On Campus Learning with Enhanced Protocols

- All students and faculty back on campus with new sanitation protocols based on recommendations from the CDC and Alabama Department of Health
- Limited visitors on campus
- Mass will be modified
- Assemblies, large group gatherings, field trips will be put on hold

Scenario B: On Campus Learning with Social Distancing Protocols

- Temperature screening upon arrival
- Masks will be worn by faculty, staff and students
- Morning, after school care and afterschool activities will be limited
- Possible staggered arrival and departure schedule
- Increased hygiene and elevated sanitation protocols
- Traditional in-person instruction with moderate social distancing in place
- Minimal student movement

Scenario C: Distance Learning Model

- CDC and/or State policies require our campus to be closed to students.
- CTKCS moves to the Distance Learning Program for all students
 - ★ For medically fragile students or student families, our plan makes provisions for individualized distance learning in situations where students are not able to be on campus for extended periods.
 - ★ There will be a detailed plan expanded on these Scenarios that will be released in mid-July.
 - ★ There will be a special handbook prepared for parents and students on our return to school in August which will be specifically to cover this unique situation.