



**ONLINE QUESTIONS & RESPONSES FROM THE
SAINT PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL TOWN HALL MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020
RECORDING OF THE PRESENTATION: <https://vimeo.com/447656197>**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Our prayer request was for a blessed 2020/21 school year.

Lord, hear our prayer

Pray for all small children.

Lord, hear our prayer

QUESTIONS

Is 6' within the classroom considered proper distance?

To confirm, yes 6' is considered proper distance and we have space to accommodate in the classroom.

Hello, how will recess work? Will students need to keep 6 feet of distance without masks? With masks?

We will be discussing recess in a few minutes. We will start with masks while we work on learning social distance outside. If we are successful, we will allow the removal of masks outside.

Could you please explain how speech services will work at school and when IEP to ISP transitions will be addressed for new Pius students with PHM going virtual? Thank you for all your efforts!

Yes, but we will contact you directly on this topic. Could you send your email? Thanks!

If a student needs to take a mask off to take a break, will it be allowed? Sometimes you might need a break at a time when everyone isn't allowed to take a mask off. Masks can cause panic attacks and uneasiness for individuals. Will you be able to accommodate that?

Yes, teachers will be sensitive to those situations when a student is experiencing discomfort or anxiety

If a student is sick, what is the protocol for siblings?

*This is covered in the Health Plan we sent earlier this week and is posted on the website.
StPiusCatholicSchool.net/BTS*

Can students carry their own hand sanitizer in their pocket?

Yes.

I mean if a student is sent home or you keep them home for sickness other than Covid? Can their siblings still go to school?

The situation will be evaluated on a case by case basis.



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Can a sick student (non-covid or waiting on a test result, but still sick) also partake in virtual?

Yes

What is the longest stretch of time during the day you envision the preschoolers wearing a mask with no break?

*We plan to take frequent breaks as we teach new routines and procedures at the start of the year.
The key is building stamina and creating this new habit!*

If a student in the classroom tests positive, will the parents be alerted that someone tested positive in the room?

The communication of a positive case in the school will be led by the Catholic Schools Office and the SJ County Health Department.

Are you taking any specific measures regarding classroom airflow to help decreasing the transmission of Covid-19? Thank you

This is covered in the Back to School Plan Document.

- *Ventilation*
- *MERV-8 filters are used, to be changed three times per year*
- *Trane© Heat Pump supplies heated and cooled air to the building as needed*
- *Trane© Heat Exchanger mixes in the appropriate amount of fresh air entering rooms based upon the number of students assigned per room*

If after a certain amount of time, the school is under a certain percentage of cases, will you look at loosening restrictions ?

Under the guidance of our health subcommittee, the SJ County recommendations and the Catholic Schools office we will consider changes as deemed safe.

Have you considered those children with nut allergies having a designated space outside their 'cohort' to have lunch? Or cohorting those individuals in each grade with nut allergies?

Based on the distancing we must maintain to bring students back, we would not be able to accommodate additional space for an "allergy" cohort. There aren't enough students with allergies in each grade level to cohort them.

How are you forming the cohort groups? Are they based on academics? Random?

They are formed by previous year teachers

So they will be provided lanyards at school?

Yes



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Will the lanyards be provided or should we buy?

We will provide lanyards.

If band is on hold until Christmas is that the case for winter sports too?

We only have direction on fall sports at this time. The Inter-City Catholic League along with school leaders make that decision, and when we have it we will let everyone know!

Curious, what do the face-to-face numbers look like for the Pre-K 4/5 program right now?

18 students; 2 teachers (teacher and TA)

Have you thought about putting up tents and having classes outside once in a while?

We did investigate this option and unfortunately tents are cost prohibitive. Teachers will be able to take students out for class if the weather allows. We plan to go outside as much as possible!

If the community case numbers stay as is with the health department recommending virtual, will the middle school still go 100% after two weeks? Are you prepared to go with the advice from the experts?

We are ready to go virtual learning if needed. Yes we will look for the advice from the health department and our health committee of medical professionals.

Just for reinforcement, if we decide we are not comfortable with continuing in person learning, do we have the option to go virtual anytime?

Yes

If the whole school or a whole class needs to be virtual, will those "in person" students be able to use SPX provided devices?

Yes

Will teachers be giving assessments to students to find out if there is any makeup needed from the elearning? Or, will teachers just pick up with their grade level curriculum?

All teachers have been in communication with each other to help inform what was missed during distance learning last spring. All teachers will be doing their own assessments to know exactly where students are when they walk in our doors on day one.

For the preschool welcome visit next week, will parents be able to select an afternoon vs evening visit? Asking specifically with dual employment household. Thank you for also setting that up.

The meetings will be set for afternoon and evening so that we can hold them after school hours. I will send that schedule out tomorrow. If you have a conflict with the time, please let me know and we can make alternate arrangements to accommodate you.



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For virtual learners, is one day synchronous, and the next day asynchronous, or will parts of one day be synchronous and asynchronous?

Each day will fluctuate between synchronous and asynchronous based on a schedule provided by the classroom teacher