

St. John the Apostle School
Guidelines for Opening
2020-2021

Saint John the Apostle School commits to adhere to guidelines published by the Center for Disease Control (CDC)/Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for cleaning and disinfecting. Additionally, Saint John the Apostle School will implement the following building procedures:

Clean Protected Environments	All public areas, including bathrooms, and classrooms will be cleaned at regular intervals throughout the day. Water fountains will remain closed. Students will be required to bring multiuse water bottles from home each day. Windows will be opened to allow for circulation of fresh air. Students will not use communal supplies.
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Staff will be required to wear a face covering unless doing so would create a health risk to the individual. Students will be required to wear a face covering when moving within the building or are not socially distant, unless doing so would create a health risk to the individual. This will include arrival and departure times. All persons not wearing a face covering will need to have documentation on file with the school nurse from a medical professional. Staff and students should enter the building with their own coverings, but disposable one-time use, masks will be available on an as needed basis.
Hand sanitizer	Hand sanitizer will be readily available in all classrooms and public spaces.
COVID-19 symptom check	All persons entering the buildings must be screened for COVID-19 symptoms. This will include, but not be limited to temperature checks.
Social Distancing	Social distancing will be observed throughout all buildings. Stairwells will be marked for one way traffic, hallways will indicate traffic flow with six feet intervals. Students will be grouped into cohorts, with limited travel and interaction in the building. Students will eat lunch in their classrooms. Subject teachers will rotate between classes in place of students changing classrooms.

Visitor Restrictions	No visitors will be allowed in to the building. All communication with the school staff should be conducted electronically. If a student does not have lunch with them, a boxed lunch will be provided, and parents will be billed. If a child is being sent home sick, they will be brought to the school entrance door.
Arrival and Departure Times	Staggered arrival and departure times and locations will be put into place to limit contact.

Scheduling

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Saint John the Apostle School Cohort Model *

MAIN BUIDLING		
Pre K		Attend school for in-person instruction. Social distancing guidelines will be maintained in the classroom.
Kindergarten	Two cohorts by grade.	Attend school for in-person instruction. Social distancing guidelines will be maintained in the classroom.
Grade 1	Two cohorts by grade.	Attend school for in-person instruction. Social distancing guidelines will be maintained in the classroom.
Grade 2	Two cohorts by grade.	Attend school for in-person instruction. Social distancing guidelines will be maintained in the classroom.
Grade 3	Split into three cohorts by grade.	Attend school for in-person instruction. Social distancing guidelines will be maintained in the classroom.
Grade 4	Split into two cohorts by homeroom. Blue and Gold.	The two cohorts, Blue and Gold, will received in-person learning on a bi-weekly basis. When not in-person, students will receive remote learning instruction via virtual platforms. One week in school, one week at home rotation.
Grade 5	Split into two cohorts by homeroom. Blue and Gold.	The two cohorts, Blue and Gold, will received in-person learning on a bi-weekly basis. When not in-person, students will receive remote learning instruction via virtual platforms. One week in school, one week at home rotation.

ANNEX	BUILDING	
Grade 6	Split into two cohorts by homeroom. Blue and Gold.	The two cohorts, Blue and Gold, will received in-person learning on a bi-weekly basis. When not in-person, students will receive remote learning instruction via virtual platforms. One week in school, one week at home rotation.
Grade 7	Split into two cohorts by homeroom. Blue and Gold.	The two cohorts, Blue and Gold, will received in-person learning on a bi-weekly basis. When not in-person, students will receive remote learning instruction via virtual platforms. One week in school, one week at home rotation.
Grade 8	Split into two cohorts by homeroom. Blue and Gold.	The two cohorts, Blue and Gold, will received in-person learning on a bi-weekly basis. When not in-person, students will receive remote learning instruction via virtual platforms. One week in school, one week at home rotation.

- *Parents/Guardians may, at any time, choose all remote learning from home.
- Virtual instruction will be provided if requested.
- All students will have remote learning from home on Fridays. This will allow Saint John the Apostle School to perform deep cleaning operations between cohorts.
- Students should not come to school with any Covid symptoms. Learning remotely will not be considered an absence. Any student with symptoms will be isolated, sent home and asked to quarantine for 14days.
- Any student returning to school after a sickness should be symptom free, without medication, for 72 hours before returning to school
- Any student who travels out of state and returns from a state that is under quarantine for 14 days. Students will participate in school via remote learning.
- At any time it may be necessary to return to all remote learning.
- Parents who volunteer for “lunch duty” should meet the class outside in the playground or parking lot. No parents will be permitted in the building.
- Boxed lunches will be available each day for purchase. Lunch will be in the classroom. All classes will have recess each day, weather permitting.

