



St. Marcus School

2021-2022 Reopening Plan (K4-8th Grade)

June 8, 2021

Dear Parents:

Thank you for your feedback regarding the school's response to the Covid-19 pandemic and your child's educational needs for the coming school year. We realize that the school's pathway to returning to "normal" operations will not be perfect for everyone but we have listened carefully to the voices of parents and staff members as we have developed the 21-22 plan. We continue to be thankful for your patience and understanding as we balance the diverging needs of the school community.

Listed below are the most important aspects of the 21-22 school year of which you should be aware. Parents of students in three-year-old daycare will receive a separate communication.

Length of School Day

We will return to the pre-pandemic school day schedule:

- Student drop off between 7:30am and 7:55am
- Kindergarten and primary will dismiss at 3:15pm
- Middle school (grades 5-8) will dismiss at 3:30pm

Fridays

52% of parents requested a continuation of remote Fridays. An additional 16% of parents requested one remote Friday a month. We have attempted to balance these perspectives with the need to get back to in-person instruction 5 days per week within a reasonable timeframe. Therefore:

- Remote Fridays will continue for all K4-8th grade students through October Break. This will be the first nine Fridays of the school year. More information regarding student expectations for remote Fridays will be shared in August.
- After October Break, remote Fridays will be terminated and in-person instruction will resume on Fridays for all students.

Beforecare

- Beforecare will be offered at no charge from 7am to 7:30am.
- Parents must sign-up for before care in advance in order to use the service
- More information about signing up for beforecare will be provided in August

A very small number of parents indicated on the survey that they needed beforecare prior to 7am. Please email maureen.gunn@stmarcus.org if you cannot make this work.

Aftercare

- To provide aftercare services for parents, St. Marcus will be partnering with the Hillside Boys and Girls Club which is located on 6th and Cherry, 5 minutes from St. Marcus. This partnership will allow parents to access better after school programs for a longer period of time and use Wisconsin Shares to pay for the program. Parents will have the option of picking up their children from St. Marcus by 3:45pm or enrolling in the Boys and Girls Club program. Here is more information on the program:
 - St. Marcus will provide transportation to the Club immediately after student dismissal.
 - Available from immediately after school until 6pm.
 - The Boys and Girls Club will provide students with a hot meal and a variety of programs including homework help, arts & crafts, computer labs, remote learning, leadership groups, specialty programs.
 - Parents will pick up their children from the Club anytime before 6pm.

Who qualifies and how much does it cost?

- The service will be available for all St. Marcus students in grades K4-8.
- The program will be free for students who qualify for Wisconsin Shares.
- For students who do not qualify for Wisconsin Shares, the cost is \$20 per week for the first child and \$5 per week for each additional child.

Parents who need aftercare services next school year are asked to fill out [THIS SURVEY](#) for planning purposes. More information on aftercare will follow once we have feedback from parents.

Virtual Instruction

For the sake of clarity, parents should be familiar with the following terms pertaining to virtual instruction:

Virtual Synchronous Instruction: Synchronous, live instruction for students who are off site.

Virtual Synchronous Access: A student is able to access a live classroom via zoom but not interact.

Remote Asynchronous Learning: A student is learning off-site with recorded lessons (if available) or by using materials posted on-line or sent home in packets.

- The school will be returning to a 100% in-person instruction
- Virtual synchronous instruction will only be offered under a very limited set of circumstances

when possible:

- a. Doctor-identified medical condition requiring virtual instruction. This must be accompanied by doctor's letter and be for 10 days or longer
 - b. Whole class quarantine
 - c. Snow or other emergency school closure if teachers & students are prepared for virtual synchronous instruction. Otherwise remote asynchronous learning will take place.
- Virtual Synchronous Access and / or Remote Asynchronous Learning will be offered under the following circumstances:
 - a. Individual quarantine as a result of a positive test result. Minimum 10 day period.
 - Students who are absent for any reason outside of those identified above will be marked absent and will not have access to virtual synchronous instruction. Absent students should access any asynchronous instruction or materials that are made available by the teacher. This includes students who are sick or travelling. Please see the COVID addendum for more information about attendance policies.

Health and Safety Practices

St. Marcus is committed to continuing to ensure the health and safety of students, staff and their families. The school strongly recommends that staff, students, and parents get vaccinated from COVID-19 when approved to do so. More information pertaining to health and safety practices will be forthcoming once DPI has issued its recommendations to schools. However, effective June 1st, the following changes will take place for all summer schools and for the 21-22 school year:

- Masks not required for vaccinated adults. Unvaccinated adults required to wear a mask.
- Masks are optional for students. Students exhibiting a persistent cough or runny nose may be required to wear a mask.
- Students will maintain social distancing of 3 feet or more during class or when within proximity of another student for 15 minutes or more.

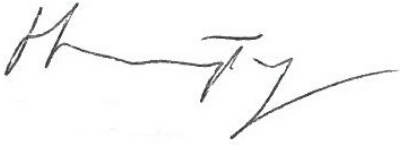
All of the information outlined in this document is subject to change. If there are changes we will do our absolute best to communicate the changes in a timely manner.

Thank you again for your understanding as we continue to navigate the complexities of the pandemic. We are thankful for your partnership and for the fact that the impact of COVID-19 appears to be substantially diminishing.

We are looking forward to seeing you and your children in August. We are thankful for your partnership and hope and pray that your summer is safe and blessed!

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your campus principal or to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry Tyson". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal stroke and a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Henry Tyson
Superintendent

PS. Join us for the Juneteenth Day celebrations at the Harambee Campus - 110 W. Burleigh Street - 11am to 4pm on Saturday, June 19th. Free food, free t-shirt for the first 50, bounce house, recruitment of new students in grades K4-2. Also, please join us at church Saturday, June 19th 5:30pm and Sunday, June 20th 8am and 10:30am.