

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**\*\*COVID Parent Addendum Coming in August:**

*Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to finalize details this summer in preparation for our first day on Tuesday, August 18th. This document outlines for families some of the planning that has been done. There is still more work to be done, and we are committed to providing families with finalized details in our COVID Parent Addendum. Please watch for this in your email at the beginning of August.*

**\*\*Informational Video will also be available the week of August 10th.**

## **Instructional Plan:**

K3 (TNC ONLY) will resume with in-person learning and child care (on-site) Monday through Friday. K3 will follow the school calendar; including scheduled hours for operations. The Department of Children and Families allows child care centers to provide care for all families at our licensed capacity. Safety guidelines are being considered and other precautions will be implemented to protect student safety.

K4-4th grades will resume with in-person instruction (on-site) Monday through Thursday. Friday, students will do remote learning from home.

**Main Campus ONLY:** Please note, to support our kindergarten and primary students transition into the school year, we have a staggered start date. **Again, this is for Main Campus scholars ONLY as we have a larger number of students transitioning back into the building.**

K4, 1st & 2nd Grades - Start date will be Tuesday, August 18th

K5 & 3rd Grade - Start date will be Wednesday, August 19th

4th Grade - Start date will be Thursday, August 20th

5th-8th Grades will resume with in-person instruction (on-site) Monday through Friday with the potential for every other Friday being a flex day which students will spend at home. This will be finalized and communicated to families in our COVID Parent Addendum.

## **Health & Safety:**

Student, family, and staff safety are our highest priority while enabling as many students as possible to successfully continue their spiritual, academic, social and emotional growth. Working within CDC and DPI guidelines, St. Marcus will operate under the following health & safety plan:

- Face Cloth Coverings:
  - Staff members will wear face cloth coverings or face shields.
  - Students will be required to wear face cloth coverings at arrival and dismissal. We are hoping to provide 1 face mask per student. More information to come in the COVID Parent Addendum.
  - Students wearing face cloth coverings in the classroom and while transitioning in the building is still being decided.

- Arrival Screening- See below under “**Arrival & Dismissal**” section
- Visitors:
  - To help decrease the number of people in the building, visitors will be limited. One K3 parent /adult will be allowed to walk their children to their classroom until the end of August. Please enter through door #1. After September 1st, K3 students will be escorted by a staff member to their classrooms.
  - All visitors, including parents, must make an appointment in order to enter the building. While in the building, visitors must wear a cloth face covering, maintain social distancing, and restrict their visit to a designated location. Please connect with an administrator to make an appointment.
  - K3 parents will be allowed to enter the school office to make an EBT payment, a personal payment and purchase uniform shirts.
- Within the classroom:
  - Students will be expected to social distance as much as is possible/ reasonable within the K3 childcare room.
  - Materials within the classroom will be assigned to each child when possible. When this is not possible, sanitation of materials will take place.
  - Daily cleaning will take place
- Staff/Student Illness Procedure
  - Our Health & Safety Committee is creating detailed procedures to ensure safety for all. These details will be available in our COVID Parent Addendum.

## **Arrival & Dismissal:**

### **Arrival:**

All students should arrive at school between 7:30 and 7:50 to ensure scholars are prepared for learning to begin at 8:00 am. The planned entry spot for K3 will be Door #1 off of Richards Street. Entry points will be finalized and communicated to families in our COVID Parent Addendum.

- Upon entry, scholars should follow safety guidelines:
  - Wear a face cloth covering at all times
  - Remain 6 feet away from others
  - Go directly to their designated classrooms
- All scholars should enter the building by themselves, except K3 students are allowed to be accompanied by one parent/adult until the end of August. All adults should remain outside the building until further notice unless you are a K3 parent within the first two weeks of school - see above- or if you have a scheduled appointment.
- Arrival Screening: Students will be asked a general well-being question such as “How are you feeling today?” This process may also include a temperature check.
- Late Arrival: Details regarding the procedure for late arrival will be finalized and communicated to families in our COVID Parent Addendum

### **Dismissal:**

To ensure social distancing, grade levels will have staggered dismissal times and locations. The planned dismissal time for K3 is 2:45pm. These will be finalized and communicated to families in our COVID Parent Addendum. Sibling Pick Up and Early Pick Up procedures will also be included in the COVID Parent Addendum.

### **Remote Learning (Fridays for K4-4th)**

Remote learning is planned for K4-4th grades. Teachers will share specific expectations for this time as it will vary from grade level to grade level. To support Friday remote learning, 1st -4th grade students will receive a chromebook to use. Devices for kindergarten scholars will be provided upon request. Please ensure you sign the Chromebook User Agreement during your home visit.

(Please note: Middle school may have every other Friday as a Flex day. More to come in the Parent COVID Addendum.)

### **Food Service**

Our food provider, MCFI, and our Health & Safety Committee have provided the following guidelines:

- Until further notice, scholars will eat in their classrooms while meeting social distancing guidelines.
- Students are able to bring in their own lunches.
- Safety procedures include but are not limited to:
  - Food service staff will be wearing protective personal equipment
  - Disposable plates and utensils will be used.
  - Strict “Do Not Share Food” policy will be in place for students
  - Student hand sanitation before and after lunch

### **STM Worship & Singing in Church**

5:00 pm Saturday Worship - RSVP Needed; 9:00 am Sunday Worship- RSVP Needed  
School Families: No singing in church until further notice

### **COVID Resource LINKS**

As you complete your virtual/family visits you may connect with a family who is in need, expresses a need or people who want to volunteer to serve. You have the option of filling out the [COVID-19 Response Form](#) on behalf of a volunteer or person in need, or you can simply pass this link on to the person and they may fill it on on their own.

Listed below are links for more information about Cloth Face Coverings:

[Face Coverings Do's and Don'ts](#)

[Important Information About Cloth Face Coverings](#)

If you have further questions, please contact your campus principal.

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