

ST. BRIGID/OUR LADY OF HOPE REGIONAL SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

Please read through this message. It contains many updates you should be aware of before the reopening of school.

Proceeding with Extreme Caution

Because there are so many unknowns with COVID-19, we will proceed cautiously. We are going to follow the guidelines from the CDC, State and our partners conservatively. All classrooms and common areas are being set up with 6 feet of social distancing. Mask breaks are being scheduled into the day. They will be outside, weather permitting. While indoors, mask breaks and eating lunch will take place with a minimum of 6 feet of social distancing.

Mask Guidelines

The following masks are recommended in order of effectiveness:

- A fitted N95 mask
- A three-layer surgical mask
- Cotton-polypropylene face mask

The following masks/face coverings are NOT allowed:

- Folded bandanas
- Knitted masks
- Neck fleeces (gaiter masks)
- Masks with an exhalation valve or vent

Other Mask Guidelines

- Children should be practicing wearing face masks.
- Face shields may be used in addition to approved masks, NOT in place of an approved mask.
- Masks must fit over the nose, mouth, and side of the face tightly, but comfortably.
- There should be no gaps on the side of the mask.
- Masks with pliable metal that can bend around the bridge of the nose can help create a tighter fit and ensure the mask stays over the nose.
- Masks should be washed daily with soap and water.
- Masks should never be worn if they are wet.
- **Mask lanyards are highly recommended.**

Cohorts and Other Measures

- Our cohorts/pods for in-person instruction range from 7 to 12 students. No more than 12 students are in one classroom.
- Personal size alcohol-based hand sanitizer is allowed.
- All classrooms have hands free hand sanitizer dispensers and window fans to increase the circulation of fresh air.

Remote/In-Person Instruction

- In grades Pre-K through 5, a separate team of teachers will teach the students who are at home.
- Once we have all the classes set, the teachers will reach out to you.
- Distance learners for those grades will cover the same standards and use the same materials (textbooks, etc.), but will follow a different schedule than in-person students.
- You will be contacted before the start of school to pick up textbooks and other materials.
- In-person instruction for students in Middle School grades 6 through 8 will be taught synchronously with in-person students.
- Except for Physical Education classes, special area classes will be offered through Google Classroom.

Temperature Checks

- All students and staff will have their temperatures checked each morning before entering the building.
- Staff members will have to fill out a daily health screening.
- School families will have to fill out a health screening online each Sunday evening.
- There will be five points of entry to facilitate the temperature checks in a timely manner.

Rolling Backpacks

Because students are expected to take everything home with them each evening, rolling backpacks will be permitted. We will send home second sets of books for titles that we have extra stock of.

Uniforms

- The school uniform policy will be kept simple. The knit shirt will be allowed all year with either Navy blue shorts or long pants.
- Neck ties, skirts or jumpers will not be required

Students should have a towel with their name written on it to sit on when we have mask breaks outside.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to:

- Drive children to school in order to reduce ridership on school buses
- Pack a healthy bag lunch from home (a limited menu will be available from the School Lunch Program)

We are still working on the Master Schedule. Classroom/homeroom teachers and remote teachers will be in touch with you before the first day of school.

During the first week of school, we plan to practice our Remote Learning program with you.

We are having a staggered reopening the first week. Please see the school calendar on our website for the day that your child will be coming in for his or her first day.

I appreciate your patience and your willingness to be a part of this community effort to reopen our school safely.

Stay tuned. Things are still evolving. If you have any questions, please email back. In the meantime, stay well.

Yours truly,


Mr. Paul P. Clagnaz
Proud & Grateful Principal