

Dear parents;

8-4-20

We know you are anxious to hear of our plans for the reopening of our Assumption Catholic School buildings this fall. Over the past several weeks, our Back to School Committee has been working with Pepin County Health Department, and the Diocese of LaCrosse to formulate our plan to reopen our school buildings five days a week come August 27. We are still in the process of finalizing plans for athletics and hot lunch and will let you know when they are completed. Things change quickly and we will try to keep you updated as best we can.

We thank you for responding honestly to the survey we sent out in early July. We appreciate and value your responses as we all navigate how to best return to school in the next few weeks. We put together a summary to serve as a helpful reference for you and your family as we all prepare for the next school year. It outlines some of the safety measures and procedures we are implementing in light of COVID-19. We hope it answers many of the questions you have. If you find you have a concern or question that is not directly addressed in this guide, please call Mrs. Mary Lansing at 715-672-5617.

Returning to school:

- Students will return to school face to face, five days a week.
- Plans will be made to accommodate those uncomfortable returning face to face.
- **Students and staff who do not feel well should stay home.**

Wearing of Masks:

- Students will be provided two washable masks at our back to school night, compliments of Pepin County Health Department. We encourage each student to have multiple, school appropriate, washable masks available at home to ensure a clean mask can be worn to school every day.
- Wearing masks throughout the school day, until September 28, is a mandate from the state for students 5 years of age and older. We recognize this order and will comply as best we can. Pape Bus Company may require a mask while riding the bus.

Personal Hygiene:

- Students will be taught and will review the importance of proper hygiene to include: washing hands often, keeping hands away from one's face, sneezing or coughing into a tissue or elbow.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at each entry way to the school building and classrooms.
- Students will be taught the ideal of each person's "circle of grace" and classrooms will be arranged to allow students to social distance.

Visitors:

- Will be limited on campus.
- Masks will be made available to essential visitors.

Sharing materials:

- Shared materials will be limited, students will have their own set of manipulatives, art boxes etc.
- Materials will be cleaned regularly.

Transportation:

- Busing will only be made available on the days the public school has school.
- Parents will be responsible for transporting their children on days busses are not available.

Before and after school child care:

- There was not a high need for this service. However, we are willing to work with those families who need this option to allow them to transport their child(ren), please contact our office if this is a necessity.

We don't want our families to think it's a life-threatening situation for them to come back to school. I hope with prayers, Faith and the above guide, you will trust our staff to keep your family safe.

With Blessings of Peace and Joy;

Mary Lansing

Assumption Catholic School