



Saint Adalbert Catholic School Escuela Católica San Adalberto

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Covid Update #10

Dear Parents:

Greetings from St. Adalbert School! Our hallways are still empty of students, but we are busy here preparing for their safe return. We have several updates about returning to school that we would like to share with you at this time.

First, our school building has been completely sanitized and cleaned. Every surface of every classroom was sanitized and disinfected, and we are extremely grateful to the teachers for helping us prepare for that job by emptying their classrooms and closets.

Secondly, we have met with a “Back to School Planning Committee” and received a great deal of feedback from the parent survey about your concerns as we return to school. Thank you for your input! It is no surprise that parents and teachers are in strong agreement that we want to make sure that we follow health and safety guidelines as much as possible in order to reduce the risk of illness for everyone.

In order to ensure the social distancing of our school community, we are going to spend the first weeks of the school year with divided classes. From August 19 - September 18, each class will have a morning group of approximately half the students who will attend in the morning, from 8:00 - 11:00. Then from 12:00 - 3:00 the other half of the class will attend for the afternoon.

Reducing the number of students in each classroom will allow us to do the following:

- Safely distance children from one another in the classroom and in common spaces
- Give teachers time and space to teach the children all of the new procedures they will need to know in order to remain safe
- Reduce the number of hours students need to wear their masks

- Give students practice working on online assignments and digital homework while they are away from their teacher. This will make it much easier for us to adjust to remote learning if we are ordered to stay home again later in the school year

Please know that it is our intention to keep all siblings within a family together on this half day schedule, and to honor each family's preference for a morning or afternoon session. Your response to the new parent survey will allow us to start planning our student groups. You will know by the end of July if your family is assigned to the morning or afternoon session.

There are several more steps in planning for the opening of the year that we are working on with our teachers right now, and we will continue to update you as decisions are made. Please know that we are in constant communication with the Catholic Schools Office and local health officials as we create our plans. Safety will always be of utmost importance.

Please look for additional information from the school in the coming weeks as we keep working on our re-opening plans. We are thrilled at the idea of seeing our students in person next month and pray that all will go as planned for our re-opening.

Thank you and God bless,

Joseph Miller, Principal

