



Saint Adalbert Catholic School

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Covid Update #11

Dear Parents,

In the last ten days, the guidance from federal, state, and local authorities regarding reopening schools has been coming in at a rapid pace, and school districts are adjusting their plans for bringing students back to school. After considering the advice of local health experts, we believe our reopening plan is very safe for all students and staff. We are still planning to begin with half of our students in the morning and half of the students in the afternoon for each class, **however, we are changing our start date for students to Wednesday, August 26**. This extra week will ensure that we have time to prepare our building with more sinks for handwashing, new water bottle filling stations, and fresh coats of paint.

If you have not already completed the survey regarding our first weeks of school, be sure to indicate your preference for either the morning or afternoon session as soon as possible. For families that are unable or choose not to send students for in person instruction, there is an 100% virtual option available - again, please contact the school to indicate this preference. Our plan is to do the morning and afternoon sessions with half of each class until at least September 25. We will decide in the middle of September whether it is safe to start full days with full classes after September 25.

Communication between the school and our families is critical at all times - but especially now during this rapidly developing situation with the Coronavirus and the start of the school year. Our fastest form of communication with all of you right now is our Remind Text Message application, along with our newly formed YouTube channel. We will continue to utilize both of these sources to keep you up-to-the-moment in news and announcements related to St. Adalbert School. If you are not already signed up for both, please do so NOW by following the directions on the pages enclosed in this mailing.

Please continue to watch your text messages and check our YouTube channel so that as the beginning of the year details continue to unravel, your family can remain informed.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school (574-288-6645) with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Joseph Miller

Summer 2020 News

Preparations for Re-Opening

- We had our entire building professionally deep cleaned and sanitized
- The ACE Program at Notre Dame provided a two-week summer school program for approximately 70 of our students
- New sinks to be installed next week to double capacity for handwashing in the school
- All hallways and staircases will be repainted
- Water fountains are being replaced with water bottle filling stations
- Plans submitted to remove carpet in hallways and refinish hardwood flooring.
- Entire supply of cleaning and disinfecting agents updated and renewed
- Hand sanitizing stations will be installed in each classroom

Personnel changes

- Some of you may have heard that our K-3 Religion teacher, Ms. Mary DeMott will not be returning to St. Adalbert School this fall. Ms. DeMott will be going on retreat with a community of religious sisters to discern the next step of her life's vocation. We all know that she has been a tremendous witness in the Faith, and her selfless commitment to our students, parents, and staff will be deeply missed. We look forward to welcoming her back when she is able to visit.
- Our school secretary, Ms. Brenda Moreno, has chosen to leave St. Adalbert School to take a new position. We will miss Brenda's positive attitude, faithfulness and care for our students. We are grateful for her time among us and wish her all the best as she moves on in her career.

As we give thanks for the service of some members of our team, we also joyfully welcome others who are joining us this year:

- **Ms. Yadira Gonzalez - K-3 Religion Teacher** Ms. Gonzalez is a graduate of St. Adalbert School and has remained a close member of our parish community, helping Fr. Ryan with our parish youth group. We hope that someday our classrooms will be filled with teachers who are St. Adalbert graduates, so it's a real joy to have Yadira start us on our way to that moment in school history!
- **Mr. Kevin Joyce - 5th Grade Teacher** Mr. Joyce has been teaching in the diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for 19 years. He taught 3rd grade at St. Vincent in Elkhart and 5th grade at St. Anthony. He earned his teaching degree from the ACE program alongside Mr. Clark and Mrs. Romans, so it is providential that he has now come to St. Adalbert to be across the hallway from Mr. Clark!
- **Mrs. Sandi Cramer Science and Technology** Mrs. Cramer also joins our staff with many years of teaching experience in our local Catholic schools. She was most recently a technology teacher at our sister school, St. Pius X. Mrs. Cramer brings a wealth of knowledge in both technology and the hands-on science and engineering program called Project Lead the Way. Mrs. Cramer will teach 4th and 5th grade science classes, Middle School science, and help us to administer NWEA testing and programs, and serve as our testing coordinator.

The Lord guides our school and guides people to share their expertise and spirit of service here. We are truly blessed to add this group of talented educators in the faith to the St. Adalbert family.

We look forward to seeing you all again soon - in the meantime, enjoy the remaining summer weeks and may God bless you!