



Dear Families,

Happy Fourth of July! We hope you and your family are enjoying some of the traditional celebrations of summer even if they look a little different this year.

As of this time, we are preparing to have all students return to the school building in August. It has always been our strong preference to keep our school open and busy with learning, praying and growing as a community. We are preparing a healthy and safe school environment for all students and staff and we look forward to our first day of school on August 24, 2020. We are also planning a Back to School Kick Off event on August 21st and many more details will be shared with you throughout the summer. Our school calendar has not changed and can be found [here](#) on our website.

In conjunction with the Catholic Schools Office and the Diocesan administrators, we continue to work on the specifics of what day-to-day operations will look like come August 24th. A team of teachers has also been working hard to help create the specific guidelines for the St. Pius X school community. You can find a quick reference guide below and on our website.

While we know there are many conflicting sources of information regarding best practices for health and COVID-19, we are taking a very practical and realistic approach to keeping all students and staff safe. The following are a few examples of what to expect:

- We will encourage staff and students to stay home when they are sick and we have systems in place to support student learning at home if an extended absence from school is medically necessary.
- We will screen staff, students and visitors for temperatures at the start of each day. Many parents who have returned to work are familiar with this protocol as it is in place in many offices.
- Staff will be wearing face masks or face shields when they are teaching.
- Students will be encouraged to wear face masks or shields when physically distancing is not practical.
- You may provide the face covering for your students that you are most comfortable with and we will also have a supply of masks and shields available for students, staff and visitors who need one.
- Classrooms are being cleaned and rearranged to provide as much physical space for students as possible.
- Students will be assessed early in the year and classroom instruction will be on grade level or accelerated as needed. Due to our quick transition to online learning in the spring, we are not anticipating any issues with staying on track academically.

There is much more to be determined and to share with you. For that reason, we will continue to communicate with families frequently. The Wednesday Reminder will continue throughout the summer, the school website will be updated regularly and you will receive another mailing in early August. The August mailing will have specific directions for completing the Powerschool registration process for the new school year along with other school information. Please continue to watch the website and your mailbox for more information starting in early August.

While much is changing around us, you can be assured that the faculty and staff of St. Pius X are eagerly planning for our return to school. We look forward to gathering together again as a school community.



2020-2021 Reopening Plan

July 1, 2020 : Updated as Needed

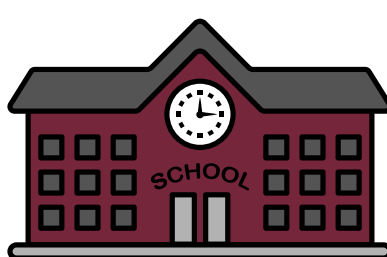
Daily Health Precautions

All students, staff, and visitors will have their temperature checked upon arrival to the school building.



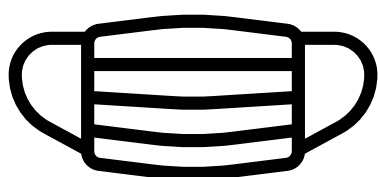
Academic Days

School will begin on August 24, 2020 with regular instructional programming for students in grades PK-8.



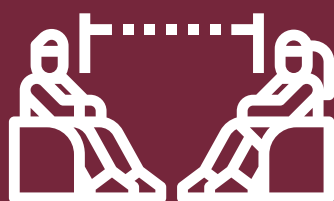
Protective Equipment

Students will be encouraged to wear face masks or shields when physically distancing is not practical.



Appropriate Distancing Measures

To the extent possible, we will practice the safest possible physical distancing including at high traffic times like lunch and recess.



Healthy Hygiene

Hand sanitizer stations have been added throughout the school. Daily routines will include regular hand washing and cleaning of regularly touched surfaces.



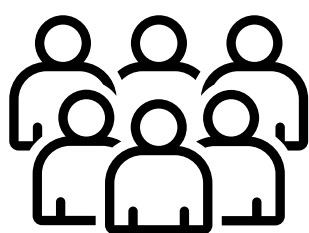
Distance Learning Plan

St. Pius X is developing a distance learning should future stay-at-home orders be issued or a student would need to remain home for an extended period.



Limit Large Gatherings

Plans to limit large groups, including at Mass and other whole school events, are being developed.



Limit Shared Materials

There will be no community use of school materials. Students should utilize individual water bottles and water filling stations.

