# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School

## Reopening for 2020-2021

Faith + Academic Excellence + Community + Growth



#### **RE-OPENING OUR SCHOOL**

Our plans for re-opening must be flexible and able to respond to changing conditions related to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Changes to our plan will be made in response to changes in public health policies, government guidelines and regulations, and guidelines from the Diocese of Las Vegas.

Parents are urged to provide updated contact information in order to remain well informed of any changes or updates.

#### **RE-OPENING OUR SCHOOL**

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- Flexibility in Response to Changing Conditions

## **Learning Schedule**

#### Option 1

Students are in school each day, 5 days a week. Learning is in a 'traditional' classroom, with social distancing providing for the health and safety of students and faculty.

#### Option 2

Students are learning remotely, from home 5 days a week. Remote learning has specific guidelines and protocols for students. Learning will happen at the same time as classes. (Based on family need or preference until 11/6/20, the end of the first trimester).

Survey link allows you to designate if you will choose a fully online option and must be completed by August 3, 2020.

**Return to School Survey** 

## In School Learning – Classroom

- Social distancing is maintained between each student and the teacher
- Classrooms have been configured to maintain the necessary distancing with students grouped by class in order to limit contact between classes during the school day and minimize the potential spread of any illness from group to group
- Teachers will be rotating from class to class and classrooms
- Other spaces on campus can be utilized as instructional space if needed in order to maintain social distancing
- Finalized grade level/classroom assignments will be communicated at the beginning of August
- Each classroom will be prepared to teach students in the classroom while simultaneously live streaming the class to students learning at home
- A webcam will allow students the option of watching the teacher and will allow for students to participate in live classes

## Distance Learning Guidelines and Protocols for Students

#### Students must:

- Use their school issued iPads for Remote Learning (Grades 5-8)
- Keep up with the postings in Google Classroom and the portal for all classes
- Dress appropriately for school
- Enter the class on time, remain in class the entire period, and exit the class when dismissed by the teacher
- Have video camera on and remain on screen at all times during class
- Keep microphones muted unless called upon by the teacher to speak
- Be engaged and interactive with the lesson
- Work on lesson activities when instructed by the teacher
- Complete all assignments on time and meet all coursework requirements

#### <u>Temperature Checks</u>

Parents must check their child's temperature before leaving home to ensure that it is under 100.4 and may not give their child fever reducing medication. If a child has a fever, they must remain at home. If exhibiting any of the other COVID-19 symptoms such as a sore throat, coughing, or nausea, all are asked to remain at home.

Student temperatures will be checked by the teacher each morning before entering the classroom. Any student with a temperature of 100.4 or above will be isolated in the nurse's station and sent home.

#### **Face Coverings**

Faculty, Staff and Students (5<sup>th</sup> grade and up) must wear a face covering at all times, in compliance with CDC guidelines and Nevada State regulations. Teachers may also wear face shields to enhance communication. The current guidance from "The American Academy of Pediatrics" indicates the need for all children to wear face coverings "when harms (e.g. increasing hand-mouth/nose contact) do not outweigh benefits (potential COVID-19 risk reduction)." For those who will struggle with this, we would be permitting the use of face shields.

#### Social Distancing

Social distancing is an effective way to prevent potential infection. To this end: Employees, students, parents, and visitors are to follow the CDC recommended 6 feet distance from others and eliminate contact with others whenever possible.

Traffic Flow Maps will be established with taped lines/signage marking the walking direction throughout the campus in order to maintain the social distancing requirements.

Students will receive training on the required social distancing protocols and health/hygiene practices. Students will not share supplies or work together in small groups (distancing will remain throughout the day).

All extracurricular events/activities, including informal meetings will be postponed or limited to begin the school year.

#### **Student Related Protocols**

- Cohorts will consist of groups of same grade level students.
- Students will remain with their cohort group at all times, including structured recess, while maintaining social distance requirements.
- Students are not to visit other classrooms outside of their grade level.
- Students will be trained on the required social distancing protocols and health/hygiene practices.
- Students will be mindful of the social distancing and health practices or they will not be allowed to remain on campus.
- Students will have a designated space, solely for their use in their classrooms as well as extended care.
- Students will not share spaces, supplies, or work in small groups (distancing will remain throughout the day).
- Students will use restrooms at designated times; the number of students admitted into a restroom at a time will be no more than the number of sinks in the restrooms.
- Frequent sanitation of classrooms will occur throughout the school day

#### **Drop Off and Pick Up**

Students will enter and exit from three separate designated areas of campus (Pk-2: Field Gate; 3-5: Main Gate; 6-8: Bell Tower). All dropping off and picking up must wear masks. We will use various entrances and exits to minimize contact between student groups. Parents are asked to refrain from gathering in close proximity/near school doors (following social distancing protocols). See detailed information for maps and procedures.

#### **Lunch & Recess**

Students will eat lunch at their assigned seats in their classrooms. Lunch program orders will be delivered to classrooms by staff (masked and gloved). Students will place trash in designated receptacles. Students will attend recess in separate areas of the campus. Play structures will not be in use.

Recess and Physical Education will be similarly structured, limiting free play to ensure appropriate distancing.

#### **Extended Care**

- Will be held in a space(s) with distanced and assigned student seating.
- Each student will have their own supplies, and the space designated restrooms.
- They will be the only population to use the space during the course of the day.
- Parents will pick-up and drop-off at the extended care entrance; they will not be admitted into the space.

#### Cleanliness

#### **Enhanced Cleaning**

- All classrooms and common areas are cleaned each evening with enhanced cleaning focusing on shared surfaces
- Cleaning staff will be on duty during the day to clean common areas, bathrooms, and surfaces throughout the day
- Air Filtration systems are being considered that would circulate, filter or remove air throughout the day

#### Student Self Cleanliness

- Each classroom has a sink where students can access hand sanitizer, soap, cleaning spray, wipes, and paper towels.
- Handwashing will be reinforced with reminders and guidelines

## **Community**

#### <u>Wellness</u>

- Student Social Emotional health will be a focus of our administrators, faculty, coaches, and our school Counselor
- Safe activities that allow for socialization and friendships will be encouraged

#### **Guidance**

• School Guidance Counselor will provide academic and other supports to students and families

#### **Curriculum Nights**

• At the beginning of each school year we plan a Curriculum Night that is designed to give every parent the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher for the very first time. Our orientation includes an overview of the curriculum, class rules, student expectations, grading policies, plans for the new school year, and much more. This year, these meetings will be virtual and passwords will be emailed to each family. All sessions will be recorded for those who cannot join us at the designated times.

## **Faith – Catholic Identity**

#### <u>Prayer</u>

Daily opportunities for students to pray collectively

#### <u>Mass</u>

• Weekly Mass for all students will be celebrated online each Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. until we are able to gather in our church

## **Flexibility**

#### Some Things We Cannot Control

- Athletic Programs
- Extra Curricular Activities
- Nevada Department of Health guidelines and procedures for:
  - Health Requirements testing, isolation, stay-at-home policies
  - Emergency closings short or long term

In the event that our school is required to close, whether for a short or long term period, we will continue the academic and instructional program outline via distance learning.