



Dear Holy Sepulcher Catholic School Families:

Upon review of our Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan, we want to address any questions or concerns that you may still have. Below are some Q&A's that we think may help you. If you have others, please email Mrs. Bauer directly: abauer@holysepulcher.org. Please note that responses are subject to change as the COVID-19 situation is very fluid.

Is this plan final?

Not exactly. As the COVID-19 pandemic has been and continues to be very fluid, our plan is subject to change to best fit the health, safety, and government mandates.

Is the first day of school for K-8 still August 26th?

Yes. If you need a new copy of the school calendar please email Mrs. Lydia at school@holysepulcher.org.

Will the school provide face coverings for students?

Students are expected to provide his/her own face covering. A small supply of surgical-style masks will be available in the school if someone forgot theirs. We highly encourage families to send an extra mask with their child to keep at school for situations such as this.

Is there a uniform policy for face masks?

Face masks do not have to be uniform colors. Face masks are to be school appropriate (items such as skulls or political statements are not allowed).

Are there any stipulations to face shields?

Face shields must fit appropriately. They are required to go below the chin and at least to the midpoint of the ears.

Can students or staff wear both a face mask and a shield?

Yes, if it makes you feel more comfortable you are more than welcome to wear both.

Will desk shields be provided to all students?

This is still pending an answer and will families will be notified when a final decision is made. The desk shield does not take the place of a face covering. Currently, supplies to make desk shields are hard to come by, many types are on backorder through November, and cost plays a factor in our school budget.

Will there be any changes to the uniform policy?

Yes. Due to the recent trend in extremely hot weather and the mandate to wear a face covering, we are allowing students to wear a Holy Sepulcher t-shirt in place of a polo for the beginning of the year (with the exception to Mass). More information on this change will be sent out next week. As a reminder, school uniform shorts can be worn until the official start of winter.

If someone in our household has a compromising illness or is at risk, can my child be taught at home?

Yes. We are currently working on our virtual classroom setup. We are planning to livestream teaching sessions to those who cannot be physically present due to health/safety reasons. If you are considering our virtual offering please contact Mrs. Bauer directly.

Will the livestream teaching sessions be available to those who are out of the classroom due to quarantine?

Yes, health permitting students will be able to livestream on days they cannot be present due to quarantine.

Will attendance be taken if I choose the Virtual option?

Yes. Attendance will be taken both in-person and virtual sessions.

If I choose the virtual option can I attend in-person some days and stay home others?

No. Each student will be 100% in-person or 100% virtual. You will be able to switch at the end of a grading period. The only exception to this is if you are out for 14 days due to quarantine.

Will there be clubs and afterschool activities?

We are postponing the start of clubs and afterschool activities for the first nine weeks of school. We will reevaluate closer to November. This decision is based on the factor of

time to properly clean and disinfection a meeting space, as well as, mixed groups of students being together.

Will there be a Back to School Meet the Teacher Night?

Currently, we are not to have gatherings of over 25. If this mandate changes, we will reevaluate. Otherwise, we will host a virtual session.

Will there be the traditional HSCS PTG sponsored activities (Hornets Challenge, Grandparents Day, Veterans Day Luncheon...)?

Unfortunately, no. We are currently not to have gatherings of over 25 so many of these traditions cannot happen at this time. If this mandate changes, we will reevaluate.

Are parents/guardians going to be permitted into the building with their child on the first day of school?

Unfortunately, no. We are limiting non-essential traffic in the school buildings. We will have staff available to escort our preschool and kindergarten students.

If my child is coming in late or leaving early do I need to sign him/her in/out at the office?

No. A faculty or staff member will meet you at the front entrance. If a student is coming late, the staff member will take his/her temperature before admitting. If he/she is leaving early, the staff member will walk them to the front exit and sign them out on behalf of the parent/guardian at the door.

What will happen if a student arrives with a temperature of 100 or above?

We ask that families help decrease the number of situations such as this by doing health screenings at home. If a child would have a temperature of 100 or above, (when taken twice a minute apart) he/she will go to the isolation room and the family would be called to pick him/her up.

Will hot lunches still be an option?

Yes. Students will order in the morning and their lunch will be served to their lunch spot. There will not be a lunch line.

Will students wait in the cafeteria for the 8:15 morning bell?

No. Students will go directly to classrooms after health screening to help mitigate the spread.

Will cubbies/lockers be used?

No, due to the fact that these items are connected, students would be too close together. All items will be kept in the student's individual area.

Will there be extra custodial staff?

Yes. They have been working hard all summer to thoroughly clean, paint, and arrange our classrooms.

Will there be school sports?

Yes, with a signed waiver and all athletic protocols followed. You should have received soccer information already. If you did not and you are interested, please contact our Athletic Director, Vanessa Hubbell at athleticdirector@holysepulcher.org.

What is the protocol for buses?

Each bus will follow the protocols set by the school district in which you reside. As of today, we have not received any information on this topic. This information as well as your child's bus number and pickup/dropoff times, should be mailed to you directly from the public school transportation department.

Are students required to bring any special supplies to start the school year?

Just what is on the supply list that the homeroom teacher has/will share in the next week.

Will volunteers/visitors be permitted inside the school building as usual?

At this time, it will be very limited. However, volunteers/visitors may be permitted inside the school building only if approved by administration prior to the day of entering.

Does that mean I cannot read to my child's class this year?

No. Upon arrangements with the classroom teacher, I highly encourage parent reading/teaching/educational offerings to continue on a virtual platform such as Google Meet or Zoom.

Does the faculty and staff miss the kids?

YES! We are not used to being apart soooooo long. We greatly look forward to seeing all the smiling faces in a few weeks.

Can parents/guardians/students send more questions?

Yes. Please send them to Mrs. Bauer at abauer@holysepulcher.org.