Let's Go!

Hello, SCS Families!
I don't know about you, but I am surely ready to see these kiddos.

Please understand that this comprehensive plan is flexible and subject to change with little to no notice.

Also, we have consulted numerous individuals and groups regarding numerous aspects of this plan; State of Ohio, the Diocese of Cleveland, the Cuyahoga County Board of Public Health, other schools, administrators, teachers, and parents. All information is current and up-to-date.

In no way shape or form is this a one size fits all. It's too complicated. You have to make the best decisions for your family. Saint Columbkille School Administration and Faculty are here to help and support you! Please remember though, this plan is flexible and could change.

We appreciate the great insight, support, questions, and advice we received throughout the summer. Please know what every word was taken to heart! No decision during this process has been done haphazardly. Each decision not only keeps the kids' safety in mind, but also our teachers.

Staffing Changes & New Additions

We are excited to announce several staffing changes:

- Miss Allie Colella is our new prekindergarten teacher
- Ms. Chrissy Chandler will lead one of second grade classes this year.
- Miss Kaylee Majka has moved from grade two to grade three.

We are saddened to see go Ms. Casey Feran (Prekindergarten), Ms. Lauren Walter (Kindergarten), Mrs. Kim Juby (Grade 5), Mrs. Annette Solkiewicz (Kindergarten Aide), Mrs. Diane Fistek (Library), and Mr. George Mitchell (Assistant Principal). We wish all of these incredible educators all the best as they enter new chapters and move forward.

Once A Knight...Always A Knight!

Currently, we are filling the roles of kindergarten and fifth grade. Mr. Tolar, a teacher panel, and I have been interviewing for several days candidates to help usher in the 2020-2021 academic year.
Click the following link to place your order for these Awesome SCS Masks! SCS MASKS

South Columbkille School

Soft Start beginning on August 24th

Based up the results of the survey, SCS will open utilizing a Soft Start system. Please keep in mind that this is flexible and could change based upon recommendations by the The State of Ohio, Cuyahoga County Board of Health, and/or the Cleveland Catholic Diocese.

*Little Knights Prekindergarten Program will have a separate schedule and calendar*

There will be NO lunch periods during the first two weeks of school due to the soft start opening.

Aug. 24 & 25 - Grades K-8 families of the first half the alphabet, A-M attend with a noon dismissal.

Aug. 26 & 27 - Grades K-8 families of the second half of the alphabet, N-Z attend noon dismissal.

Fri., Aug. 28 - NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS - all students home. Faculty and Staff report for PD; discussion of week and assessment of procedures.

Aug. 31 - Sept. 4 - Grades K - 8 all attending with a noon dismissal.

Mon., Sept. 7 - Labor Day! No School!

Tues., Sept. 8 All resume - PK -8
Full Day schedule: 7:45AM Doors Open for Students. 3:00PM begin dismissal procedures.

Virtual Learning/Remote Learning

If you are choosing to participate in Virtual/Remote Learning, Families & Students must be able to do the following:
- Ability to participate in class virtually - have access to internet, a computer/device that will allow for videos, PDFs, fillable PDFs, and printing capabilities.
- Have a fully functioning printer and print worksheets, etc. when necessary.
- Using Google Classroom to log in to learning at designated times
- Participate in live lessons when necessary and understand that some direct instruction may be recorded.
- Privacy of children in person protected.
- Students will have an area in their home that is conducive to learning; quiet, clean, and free from distractions.
- Teachers will check in with those at home during class to see if those students have questions.
- **Families must choose for a full quarter, not a daily choice (except when quarantined)**
- All assignments due when in person assignments are due.
- Families and Students who choose this option will be required to email Mr. Tolar at mtolar@stcolumbkilleschool.org no later than July 31st, 2020 to indicate their desire for Remote Learning during the First Quarter.

Please see the attached PDF for information regarding Virtual/Remote Learning

**Uniforms**

NEW THIS YEAR!

All students are able to wear the polos ALL year. Except on MASS DAYS or Special Visitor Days. Mass Day Uniform will be the Winter Uniform (Ties and button down shirts for boys - blouses and plaid for girls).

Additionally, because we understand that many of our families lost jobs, were laid-off, or did not receive payment for several weeks due to being furloughed or out of work, students may wear a polo that does not have the logo on it. **THIS IS ONLY FOR THE 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**Cleaning & Disinfecting**

JANPRO Cleaners has been contracted to clean our school.
In addition to normal cleaning and disinfecting, JANPRO has sprayed an environmentally safe product called ENDURE that lasts six months.
This product is applied and is able to withstand normal cleaning, wiping, and disinfecting procedures.
There will a more details regarding cleaning and disinfecting coming soon.

**Arrival/Dismissal**

Arrival and Dismissal will be conducted similarly to what SCS has done in the past.

Students will **not** be permitted to congregate/wait at the Main Entrance. Students must wait in vehicles until a Staff Member is present.
Students/Parents will not be permitted to wait at Site A (Breezeway doors). All students must wait in vehicles until a Staff Member is present.

Temperatures will be taken each morning, either in the drop-off line or immediately within the doors of the school. Please be prepared for a slightly longer than normal drop-off procedure in the mornings.

Students who ride a bus will have his/her temperature taken prior to entering the building.

Dismissal may take a bit longer too as we will do our best to keep students contained in classrooms for as long as possible. This may mean that exiting the building may take longer than normal. We ask for your patience and understanding with both of these procedures.

**Temperatures**

Temperatures will be taken each morning, either in the drop-off line or immediately within the doors of the school. Please be prepared for a slightly longer than normal drop-off procedure in the mornings.

If your child has a temperature of 100.0 or higher, he/she will be sent home. If your child experiences a fever during the course of the day while at school, he/she will be sent to the Nurse, the Nurse will call home and your child will be expected to be picked up and taken home.

*Your child should not come back to school until he/she is fever free for 24 hours without medication.*

**Masks/Face Coverings**

Students may choose any pattern/color/design they wish to wear. The pattern/design/color must be school appropriate. If the student's mask is deemed inappropriate by a teacher or administrator, the student will be expected to wear a mask provided by the school for the remainder of the day.

Parents are asked to have their children practice putting on a face mask and wearing a mask before the first day of school.

- Masks that stay around neck will be less likely to be lost or fall on floor than those that are taken off and put on through the day.
- Masks with political statements should be saved for home or other situations that are not school.
- Masks with rhinestones or jewels should be worn at home.
- Masks with skulls or look scary should be saved for home or other situations that are not school – we do not want the younger kids to feel uncomfortable or scared.
- Disposable masks are not to be worn for more than one school day

*Mrs. Kane has graciously agreed to make SCS masks for school students. Please visit link attached to this email to place your order.*
Masks must be worn by everyone in **ALL** common places; hallways, the Circle, office area, restrooms, computer lab, library, etc.

- Students in Prekindergarten will not wear masks during the day except for when moving through common areas and entering and exiting the building.
- Students who desire to wear a mask all day welcome to do so.
- Students in kindergarten through grade two **will** wear masks when in common areas throughout the school, entering and exiting the building, and when in close proximity to others (small groups, partner groups, working one-on-one with the teacher).
- Students in grades three through eight **will** wear masks when in common areas throughout the schools, entering and exiting the building, and when in close proximity to others (small groups, partner groups, working one-on-one with the teacher).
- Teachers will wear masks when working with students one-on-one or in small groups.
- Teachers will also wear masks while circulating the classroom checking for understanding during independent work times.
- Teachers may remove his/her mask while at the front of the room providing direct instruction in order for all students to see facial expressions and hear instructions clearly.
- Teachers may wear face shields when instructing from the front of the room providing direct, whole group instruction.

Classrooms will be provided with a **minimum supply** of disposable masks for students who forget a mask.

What we considered in these determinations:

- The science regarding the viral load of children.
- The science regarding the ace 2 receptors of children.
- The science of asymptomatic conditions of COVID-19 that are possible with children an adults.
- The physical implications of wearing masks during the heat in a building with air conditioning. *If necessary, classes will have the option to utilize both the gym and the Parish Center*
- The necessity to see the face and clearly hear the voice of people, especially the teacher.

**All cloth masks must be washed at home DAILY.**

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**Classes & Specials**

Departmentalized classes (classes where students typically switch) are still working out the logistics of switching. As of today, teachers will be switching and allowing students to remain in their homerooms. However, this may change as needs arise.
SCS Students will continue to enjoy Art, Music, Physical Education, and Computer/Technology.

Teachers will have the ability to utilize the Library during designated times during the day/week.

Art and Music will be conducted within the homeroom classrooms of each grade. Physical Education and Computer/Technology will be shortened by 5 minutes to accommodate proper cleaning and disinfecting procedures that need to take place.

**Recess & Lunch**

Recess and Lunch times will remain the same for the upcoming year.

Students will go outside to play when the weather is appropriate and **must wear his/her mask**.

Lunches will be served in closed containers. Mrs. W and the Kitchen Crew have been working hard on developing appropriate, nutritious lunches for the school year. Please keep mind that these lunches, initially, will be lunches that are easily held within the styrofoam containers.

All rules and regulations are being followed in accordance with the guidelines per Cuyahoga County Board of Health.

Lunches will be served in the cafeteria maintaining social distancing standards but utilizing the entire gymnasium and adding extra tables and chairs to accommodate the larger lunch periods.

*Lunches and Lunch Periods will resume on September 8th. No Lunches or Lunch Periods for the first two weeks of school due to Noon Dismissals.*

**Hallways & Common Areas**

We are working to make the hallways more social distancing appropriate. Hallways will have specific areas marked that alert students and staff of the appropriate distance needed in between each student, especially when stopped. We know and understand that this will be difficult to enforce, but we will do our best to enforce this rule.

All classes will be expected to move through the hallways in a single file line and not walking with one another. We also ask that you stay to *right* side of each hallway when moving through the hallways.

All Students (PK-8) will be expected to have masks on while moving through the hallways and common areas.

**Late Arrivals**

Students who arrive tardy **must be escorted by a parent/guardian to the Main Entrance**. The Parent/guardian must wait until the student has been cleared to go to class. The parent/guardian will then sign the child in per normal policies.

Students will be checked by Mrs. Gallagher, Mrs. Gutoskey, Mr. Tolar, Mrs. Biondo, or Mr. Richards. Students will receive a tardy slip that will be signed by one of the aforementioned individuals.
Weekly Mass
At this time, we are still working to get a plan in place where students and faculty members can participate in Mass together. Please be aware that this may mean classes may attend Mass on different days of the week, not always Friday.

Morning Care & After School Care
At this time, SCS will only provide Morning Care. Students may not arrive earlier than 7:15AM for Morning Care. Morning Care will begin at 7:15AM and end 7:45AM.

No After School Care will be available. We are hoping to be able to provide this service after the first quarter.

We will update you as new information becomes available and we are once again able to offer one or both of these services.

After School Clubs
At this time, no after school clubs will be offered. We are exploring the notion of hosting online/virtual clubs for students. Stay tuned!

Meet & Greet/ Curriculum Night
There will be no formalized Meet & Greet or Curriculum Night. We will work to hold Virtual Curriculum Nights in September/October.

Families will be designated a specific date and time to drop off supplies during the week of August 17th. A schedule will be available in the coming weeks.

Conferences
Our hope is to still have conferences in October. However, these conferences will be held virtually.

The big question... What if schools close again?! Students and teachers will be ready to access live learning through Google Classroom. The grading scale will remain the same. Assignments will be due on the date assigned. Teachers will be live for specific times during the day providing real-time instruction. Teachers will have specific "office hours" during specific days during the week.