



SHRINE CATHOLIC Schools

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August 23, 2021

Dear Shrine Family,

On Monday, August 30, 2021 our students officially begin the 2021-2022 school year. Our athletes, faculty and staff have already begun to return to campus, for practices, planning, and retreats. We have blessed our new athletic field and prayed for the safety of our students on the field of play and in the classroom. Next week we will transition to life at Shrine as a community of 500 strong on each of our two campuses. Our goal is to maintain uninterrupted in person instruction for all students for the entire school year which can only be accomplished through community support. Shrine will adhere to the Archdiocesan guidelines for Catholic Schools.

As information about the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, the AOD Return to School Task Force meets regularly to assess and update its safety guidelines to ensure the health and wellness of everyone in our school and parish communities. The Task Force met recently to reexamine guidelines put in place on July 21, 2021.

Updates to the AOD guidelines include:

- The CDC recommends that all people wear masks indoors to reduce exposure to COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status.
- **Likewise, the Archdiocese recommends but does not require indoor masking for all students, faculty, staff, and visitors to schools, regardless of vaccination status. Schools in the Archdiocese will promote and encourage consistent and correct mask use.**
- Schools will promote proper hand washing and covering of coughs and sneezes.
- Schools will clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces at least once daily.
- Schools will improve ventilation by opening doors and windows, using child-safe fans, and making changes to HVAC or air filtration systems when possible.

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- It is recommended that schools maintain at least six feet of physical distance between students to help limit the need for quarantine in the event of a positive case within the classroom. If all students are masked, the recommended distance may be decreased to three feet.

Please refer to the Detroit Catholic Schools website at <https://www.detroitcatholicschools.org/news/prek-12-health-and-safety-guidance>

Please note that our 2021-22 school year will not have a hybrid option. All instruction will be in person.

Cafeteria

- Students will be seated a minimum of three feet apart during lunch.

Classrooms

- Classrooms are set up to maintain a minimum of three feet social distance between students.
- All teachers will keep accurate seating charts for all classes.

COVID-19 Reporting

- Shrine will continue to work with the Oakland County Health Department on Covid-19 reporting, contact tracing, and quarantine.

Illness or Quarantine

- In the event of an extended absence due to illness or a required quarantine, accommodations will be made, which may include asynchronous course work and other resources.

Wellness Screening

- Parents are asked to monitor their child(ren)'s health through a daily wellness screening prior to arriving at school. If a student is not feeling well or is exhibiting symptoms, they should remain home.

Thank you for your continued support of Shrine Catholic Schools.

God Bless.

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