

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are very excited to begin our 2021-22 school year. There are a few things we would like to mention before starting school:

General Information

- Students will receive a handbook on Monday, August 23. Two important pages inside the handbook need to be signed and returned by Monday, August 30. If they are not returned, the student will not be permitted to return to school. One of these pages is the *Parent/Student Handbook Agreement*, and the other is a COVID-19 liability waiver.
- After-school care will be offered again this year. We can accommodate students up through age 12. For more information, please contact our pre-school/daycare secretary Ms. Rose Casper.

Drop-off and Pick-up

Elementary School

- Drop-off for the elementary building will remain the same as last year. K5 will enter through the front door, 1st and 2nd grades will enter through the back door of the cafeteria, and 3rd-5th grades will enter through the side door of the chapel (where the wheelchair ramp is located).
- Pick up will also be the same as last year. K5 and 3rd-5th grades will be picked up at the front of the school. 1st and 2nd grades will be picked up at the back door of the cafeteria.

Middle and High School

- Drop-off and pick-up for middle and high school will temporarily be 6th-12th grades at the front door to the gym building until the gym floor is completed. When students are permitted to be on the gym floors, homeroom teachers from grades 6th-8th will contact parents to inform them of their new drop-off/pick-up route.

Lunch/Snack

- We will not be selling cafeteria lunch this year. However, students in 3rd-12th grades are permitted to use microwaves to heat up food this year. Information about students receiving outside food during the school day can be found in the new *Parent/Student Handbook*, which students will receive on the first day of school.
- Vending machines will be available to use by all grades.

COVID-19 Protocols

- The administration has decided to open the school year without any specific mandates or on-campus protocols. However, please be advised that there is a possibility that the administration may have to implement future mandates and protocols depending upon how the circumstances change over the next few months concerning CDC guidelines, government mandates, and COVID-19 cases amongst the student body and their families.
- Please be advised that there are specific protocols we must follow concerning COVID-19 cases and exposures. These protocols are to help ensure the health and safety of everyone in our school. These protocols can be found below and will also be sent home with the students on the first day of school.

We are very excited about the upcoming school year, and we are praying that everyone has a safe and wonderful year! If anyone has any questions, please contact the school office.

Blessings,

ACS Administration

2021-22 COVID-19 Student Protocols

1. If a student tests positive for COVID-19:
 - A. The student is not permitted on campus for 7 days from when the COVID-19 test is administered.
 - B. The student can return to campus after the 7-day quarantine AND after having a temperature of less than 99.5 degrees for at least 24 hours.
 - C. Day 1 of quarantine begins the date the test is administered.
2. If an immediate family member tests positive for COVID-19 but the student has no symptoms:
 - A. The student is not permitted on campus for 10 days from the date that the COVID-19 test is administered to the family member.
 - B. Day 1 of quarantine begins the date the test is administered.
 - C. Students can return to campus after the 10-day quarantine if they do not show any COVID-19 symptoms.
3. If a student is sent home with a fever and/or other COVID-19 symptoms, there are two options:
 - A. **If the student takes a COVID-19 test:** The student can return after a “negative” COVID-19 test result AND after having a temperature of less than 99.5 degrees for at least 24 hours.
 - B. **If the student does not take a COVID-19 test:** The student can return after a 7-day quarantine AND after having a temperature of less than 99.5 degrees for at least 24 hours. Day 1 of quarantine begins the day after the student is sent home.
4. If a student was believed to be exposed to COVID-19 but does not reside in the same household as the person exposed, then there are two options:
 - A. **If the student takes a COVID-19 test:** The student can return after a “negative” COVID-19 test result.
 - B. **If the student does not take a COVID-19 test:** The student can return after a 3-day quarantine AND after having a temperature of less than 99.5 degrees for at least 24 hours. Day 1 of quarantine begins on the day after the last day of possible exposure.

General Guidelines

1. We ask parents/guardians to please inform their child’s homeroom teacher as soon as possible if their child has been exposed to or contracted COVID-19.
2. Students on quarantine are not permitted on campus or allowed to attend any official school function, whether on or off-campus (i.e., athletic events, banquets, prom, graduations, etc.).
3. Students who miss class time due to quarantine are responsible for any make-up work they miss. It is the responsibility of the students and parents to keep up with all assigned work and coordinate with the student’s teacher(s).
4. Any situation that arises not addressed in the protocols above will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis by the administration.