



School Reopening FAQ's

Q. When are students allowed into the building?

A. At 8:00 am

Q. What entrances will be used for drop off?

A. Only Main Front Entrance (Park Avenue)

Q. What doors are used for student pick-up after school?

A. Only Main Front Entrance (Park Avenue)

Q. Are daily questionnaires and temperature checks required?

A. Students and staff must answer an online questionnaire (link to the app to follow) prior to entering the building daily. Touchless temperature checks will be done at one of two stations as students enter the building. Touchless Hand sanitizing will be done at one of two stations as students enter the building,

Q. What happens if a student spikes a temperature or feels ill during the school day?

A. Student should notify their teacher. Teacher will contact the front office/nurses office. The nurse will escort the student to a quarantine room where they will wait for a parent, guardian, or family member to pick them up who will be called and notified immediately. Upon picking up their child the family member will not be allowed to enter the building the nurse will escort student outside to family member.

Q. Are masks required?

A. Masks are required while moving throughout the school, when within 6 feet of other people, or when directed to do so by your teacher.

Q. Are masks with political speech, controversial or incendiary messages allowed?

A. Masks with such messages would not honor the spirit of our school's mission or the school's dress code. Therefore, at the discretion of the principal, you may be asked to wear another mask if the mask that you are wearing is deemed inappropriate by the principal

Q. Who will be cleaning the school?

A. A cleaning service has been hired to clean the entire campus nightly. A day porter will continuously clean bathrooms, common areas, railings, doorknobs, etc., throughout the school day.

Q. When must students (not in a sport) leave the campus?

A. By 3:00 pm so that the evening cleaning crew can complete their work in a timely manner. We do not want our students in contact with the cleaning contractors for health and safety reasons.

Q. Will extra help be available for students?

A. Yes, after school, virtually, or by appointment. Students should email their teachers to arrange times.

Q. Will there be sports this fall?

A. As of this publication, Section 2 has not yet made a determination on all fall sports.

Q. Must my child attend class in person?

A. No. We will be instructing in a hybrid model. Students may attend classes in person, virtually, or a combination of both.

Q. Will attendance be taken regardless of the daily choice we make regarding instruction?

A. Yes. A daily bell schedule will be followed, and attendance will be taken on PowerSchool

Q: Is a computer device required?

A. Yes all students to have a Chromebook or similar device. Bishop Maginn has a very limited amount of devices to distribute.

Q. What happens if someone in the building tests positive for Covid-19?

A. A decision will be made regarding closure in consultation with the Albany County Health Department and the Catholic School Office of the Diocese.

Q. Will hot lunch be available this year?

A. Yes. Meals will be served in classrooms. As the year progresses and if rates should continue to improve, meal service and cafeteria access will be reconsidered.

Q. What is the procedure for picking up a student early?

A. In an attempt to minimize visitors to the school, we ask that you call the school at 518-463-2247 and give verbal approval to release your student. Please pick them up at the front door without entering the building.

Q. Will the reopening plan be revised?

A. Yes. As circumstances change, the plan will be updated. Families will be given email notification that the plan has been

updated, explaining that sentences highlighted in red are what is being replaced by the yellow highlighted sentences.

Q. Can I meet with my student's principal, guidance counselor, or a teacher?

A. Yes. Call the office or email to arrange for a virtual meeting or phone call.

Q. What if a school bus or parent drops off prior to 8 am? Will children be able to get into the school or have to wait outside on the grounds?

A. Unfortunately, the school does not have the ability to hold large numbers of students prior to 8:00 am safely. Therefore, students will line up on the sidewalk while maintaining 6 feet of social distance.

Q. If a student is waiting outside, who will monitor social distancing or the wearing of masks?

A. Teachers will be assigned an outside duty to ensure the orderly entry into school.

Q. Are all children, faculty/staff mandated to wear masks inside the school and outside on school grounds during the entire school day?

A. Masks are required while moving about the campus. Once seated and spaced 6 feet apart masks may be removed. Teachers will teach while wearing, at a minimum, face shields. Please note that some teachers may ask their students to wear a mask throughout their class period. Please respect those teachers wishes.

Q. Are any children allowed to stay after school until 4 pm like previous years?

A. Unfortunately, we need to vacate the campus as close to the 2:37 dismissal as possible. All students, not in a sport or class,

must leave campus by 3:00 pm in order to accommodate our cleaning service.

Q. When students arrive at school, do they immediately report to first-period classrooms?

A. Yes. All students will go directly to their first-period classroom upon entering the building.

Q. If children arrive without masks, will we provide masks? If it happens continuously, will we have enough to supply?

A. Each classroom, the main office, and front door greeter will be stocked with several PPE items, including disposable masks.

Q. Will students stay in one classroom all day?

A. Yes. There will be minimal movement between classrooms.

Q. How will students move throughout the halls when the period bells ring?

A. When it is time to move throughout the halls, the hall floors are clearly marked for social distancing and staff will monitor halls when movement is in progress. First floor movement is all clockwise and second floor is all counter clockwise.

Q. Will students be issued lockers this year?

A. We are seeking guidance on lockers from the county and state.

Q. What if area public schools close without being mandated to do so by the state?

A. Public school districts in New York State have the authority to make local decisions as long as they are not in conflict with State Education Department regulations. If public schools close, transportation, nursing services, and special education services would most likely not be available to our students. Therefore, it

would be prudent to conform to a common period of closure. If we make the decision to close, we will continue direct, synchronous instruction (similar to the spring) following a daily, abbreviated bell schedule.

Q. How many students will fit in each classroom?

A. Our classrooms are measured at 6ft social distance for 15 students

Q. Will there be direct supervision in all classrooms?

A. Yes. There will never be unsupervised or 'overflow' rooms.

Q: Will students with IEPs or 504 accommodations be given preference to work in a classroom, resource room, or alternate location such as the guidance office if such an accommodation is deemed necessary?

A: Yes. All accommodations will be followed, including not sending such students to the overflow room if sending them would have a negative impact on their educational experience.