



St. Barnabas

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

An Independence Mission School

Dear Families of St. Barnabas,

As we approach our school building reopening, we want to share some information to prepare you and your children. We will of course be sharing more information over the next few weeks but want to get this information to you as soon as possible.

Reopening Dates

- **Kindergarten & 1st grade:** Students will return on **Monday, November 9th**.
- **2nd-4th grades:** Students will return on **Monday, November 16th**.
- **5th-8th grades:** Students will return based on their Hybrid group either **Monday, November 16th or Wednesday, November 18th**.

Daily Schedule

- Our school hours will be **7:30am-2:30pm** due to transportation requirements from the School District. We will open our doors at 7:30am for students to grab breakfast and then head to their classrooms. Students will not be marked late until 8:01am. Dismissal will be at **2:30pm**.

Reopening Model

- Kindergarten – 4th grade: If you selected In-Person or Hybrid, students are scheduled to be **In-person 4-days per week**, Monday-Thursday. Fridays will continue to be all virtual at home.
- 5th-8th grade: If you selected In-Person or Hybrid, students will attend school on a **Hybrid 2-days-per-week schedule**. Your child will be assigned to a Monday/Tuesday or Wednesday/Thursday group. Fridays will continue to be all virtual at home.
- All grades – Virtual Option: If you selected **Full Virtual** your child will learn from home until at least January 15th, 2021. If we did not receive your selection in time, your child will remain in the Full Virtual model until that date.

Health & Safety

We will share our full Health & Safety Plan soon. The five main parts of our plan include:

1. **Masks:** All staff and students will wear masks the entire day (except for when eating and short mask breaks each hour) – please have your children start practicing this now – covering *mouth and nose!*
2. **Distance:** Desks will be at least 5 feet apart and each will have a plastic partition.
3. **Ventilation:** Windows and classroom doors will remain open to increase air flow.
4. **Hand Hygiene:** Hand sanitizer dispensers have been installed in each classroom and hallway; students and staff will wash hands at least 4 times throughout the day.
5. **Symptoms = Stay Home:** We must all do our part to keep each other safe. If a child is displaying any symptoms (fever, cough, body aches, etc.), they must stay home and can learn virtually.

Teachers and staff will spend the week of November 2nd preparing for school reopening, and students will have half days of instruction in the morning.

What is the difference between Full Virtual, In-Person Learning and Hybrid Learning?

<p style="text-align: center;">Full Virtual Students learn from home 5 days each week</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In-Person Students go to school 4 days each week and learn from home 1 day each week</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 4 days each week (Monday through Thursday), students will join their classmates on the computer via Zoom. They will get on their computer for each class and learn live from their teacher who will be teaching to the students in the classroom and at home at the same time. Students will also have some independent assignments to complete throughout the day, as they would in the “normal” classroom setting. It is important to note that instruction will not be exactly the same experience that students are currently receiving. The teacher will direct their attention to both the students at home and the students physically present in class. In addition, there will be regularly scheduled check-in opportunities for the students at home to ask questions and engage in discussions. ● 1 day each week (Friday), all students will be learning from home. Students will join live classes on the computer in the morning and have independent assignments to complete after 10:30am, as is taking place currently. At-home assignments will be determined by the teacher, to deepen the work of the week, and could include personalized support through our investment in high-quality, self-directed educational technology tools--namely, Happy Numbers (PK-K, mathematics), Raz-Kids (PK-3, reading), Dreambox (1-8, mathematics), among others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 4 days each week (Monday through Thursday), students will go to school and learn in the classroom with their teacher and classmates. ● 1 day each week (Friday), all students will be learning from home. Students will join live classes on the computer in the morning and have independent assignments to complete after 10:30am, as is taking place currently. At-home assignments will be determined by the teacher, to deepen the work of the week, and could include personalized support through our investment in high-quality, self-directed educational technology tools--namely, Happy Numbers (PK-K, mathematics), Raz-Kids (PK-3, reading), Dreambox (1-8, mathematics), among others.

Hybrid In-Person/Virtual

Students go to school 2 days each week and learn from home 3 days each week

- **2 days each week (days to be assigned by school)**, students will go to school and learn in the classroom with their teacher and classmates.
- **2 days each week**, students will join class on the computer via Zoom. They will get on their computers and learn live from their teacher who will be teaching to the students in the classroom and at home at the same time. Your student will also have some independent assignments to complete throughout the day, as they would in the “normal” classroom setting. It is important to note that instruction will not be exactly the same experience that students are currently receiving. The teacher will direct their attention to both the students at home and the students physically present in class. In addition, there will be regularly scheduled check-in opportunities for the students at home to ask questions and engage in discussions.
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