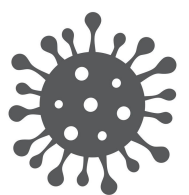




MBS
Most Blessed Sacrament

School Reopening Plan 2020-2021



Welcoming students back safely

Joined Together By Love
1 Cor 13:13

In 1 Corinthians 13:13 we read

“and now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”

This year, the MBS School theme is “Joined Together By Love.” Recently, I shared with the teachers that we could have never known how much faith and hope we would need this year in order to share our love with our students and our families. As we return to school, know of our deep and abiding love for our MBS community.

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We are so excited to welcome our students and their families back to the MBS campus. These are unprecedented times and it will take the strong partnerships we have to see us through this year. We will do our best to keep your children healthy and safe, and we ask you to strictly adhere to the guidelines outlined in this document. As we continue to monitor the news and guidance regarding COVID-19, MBS is committed to the health and safety of our students. We are blessed to have a spacious campus that will allow us to meet the current guidelines with all our students on campus. We are all in this together and with your support, we have an opportunity to be back on campus.

MBS will reopen on Thursday, August 6th for face to face instruction. All students will attend school five days a week. Prior to arrival, parents are required to complete the following personal health statement for each of their children.

- Is your child or anyone in your family currently experiencing sore throat, coughs, chills, body ache, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, or a fever greater than 100 degrees?
- Has your child or anyone in your family been exposed or in close proximity to anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

Sending a child to school confirms that each child is in good health.

Staggered Start Days

In order for us to better prepare our students for the start of the school year, all students will have a staggered start.

Pk-1st grade- Staggered start dates will remain as originally planned. Your family should have received a letter in the mail from your child's homeroom teacher with this information.

2nd-5th grade- Each homeroom will be divided in half alphabetically. Students whose last name begins with A-L will attend school on Thursday, August 6th. Students whose last name begins with M-Z will attend school on Friday, August 7th. All students in 2nd-8th grade will attend school on Monday, August 10th.

6th-8th grade- Information about their staggered start will be sent later this week.

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Health and Safety

MBS will operate as a traditional school setting with the practice of more sanitation, hand washing, and physical distancing to the maximum extent possible. Please note that protocols may change as we continue to follow state guidelines and may look differently depending on the grade level.

- Protocols recommended by the Department of Health, Louisiana Department of Education, and the Academy of Pediatrics have been and will continue to be considered.
- Students and staff members' temperatures will be checked daily.
- Hand washing/hygiene protocols and enhanced cleaning policies will be in place.
- Physical distancing and some restrictions on activities during the school day will be observed and within established guidelines.
- Lunch will be eaten in the classrooms or other designated spaces.
- Students will have PE, but will adhere to physical distancing and/or non-contact activities. Middle School students will NOT dress out for PE.
- Students in PK-5th grade will have two recesses each day

Face Coverings

Face coverings are an effective way to help prevent the spread of a virus. Students in **4th-8th** grade must wear a face covering during their arrival, dismissal, transitions, in common areas, and in other areas to the greatest extent possible. If students are physically distancing and seated, they may remove masks for short periods of time as necessary due to breathing difficulties, sensory issues and/or anxiety. All students, including those in **PK-3rd** grade, are encouraged to wear face coverings while on campus, but it is not mandatory. Face coverings (masks, neck gaiters) can be any design as long as they cover the student's mouth and nose and follow our free dress guidelines. All faculty and staff will be required to wear face coverings to the greatest extent possible.

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Carpool- Arrival/Dismissal

Morning and Afternoon carpool will operate as normal. We will have additional faculty and staff outside to help with distancing. Students will report to their classroom or designated area. We will NOT have morning assembly in the gym. At this time, we are NOT expected to have buses. Should this change, you will be notified as soon as possible. Please note the following procedures that will be put in place.

- Parents must take their children out of car seats. For health and safety reasons, carpool workers cannot do this.
- Safety Patrol will be available to escort younger students to class.
- Parents will be allowed to walk their PK, K and new students to their classroom door on the first day of school. They may not enter the room and must adhere to physical distancing guidelines and wear a mask.
- Students' temperatures will be taken when they arrive to their classroom/designated area with a touch free thermometer.
- Students will sanitize their hands before and after entering/exiting their classrooms/designated areas.
- Any volunteers/parents that arrive on campus must notify the office before entering campus and must wear a face covering.
- Late Check-ins
 - Families arriving to school after 7:45 must notify the office that they are checking a student in to prevent groups gathering in the office.
 - Child's temperature will be taken in the office upon arrival.
 - Please practice physical distancing and wait outside if another parent is in the office lobby.
- Check-outs
 - Parents must notify the office that they are checking a student out in order to prevent groups gathering in the office.

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Virus symptoms and parent notifications

If a student shows virus symptoms during the school day, he/she will be isolated in another area until a parent or guardian arrives to pick them up. Students should be picked up within 30 minutes of being notified. Students with a fever over 100 degrees will be assessed by the school nurse and sent home. If a student is absent or sent home, he/she must have a doctor's note to return to school. If anyone at school tests positive for COVID-19, MBS will consult with the parish health department regional medical director for guidance and all families of students who have had direct exposure to the individual will be notified. Students who must quarantine must do so for a minimum of 14 days and will be able to participate in distance learning during that time.

Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

MBS will follow the Catholic Schools Athletic Associations (CSAA) guidelines for all team sports. We will continue to communicate updates as we receive them.

Extracurricular activities will be resumed when appropriate and/or may be attended via Google Meets or Zoom.

Technology and Distance Learning

MBS believes in enhancing student learning through the use of educational technology. In the event that the learning environment must be adjusted, our staff is committed to providing online learning at each grade level. Our faculty has attended summer professional development courses to better prepare for a virtual scenario. A distance learning plan is in progress and will be available for parents if that becomes necessary. Families in need of distance learning due to extenuating circumstances may contact Mrs. Gioe at cgioe@mbsbr.org. Tuition will remain the same since in-school instruction is being offered. This option will be evaluated at each marking period.