



St. Bon's Preschool & Child Care

2020-2021 St. Bonaventure Catholic School Return to School Plan

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"Stronger Together"

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! We learned a valuable lesson this past spring that we are **Stronger** when we are **Together!** We are all many parts, but part of the one body of Christ. Those parts form a bond that thrives in a vibrant community.

We believe that to flourish and grow, we need to learn together. **All the expectations provided in this document are designed to safely bring and keep us together.** Together we can look out for each other and continue to build the kingdom of God. Please continue to keep our school community in your prayers.

Expectations for the 2020-2021 School Year

Parents

- We ask that parents screen their children for symptoms of COVID-19 at home. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
- If your child is sick, error on the side of caution and please keep them at home. We will also **not require** a doctor's note when they return to school, providing they meet the CDC guidelines for return.
- A waiver will be sent home at the start of the school year that needs to be signed by all parent/guardians.
- Stay up-to-date with all communication coming from St. Bon's. Information will be sent via email, text, and school social media accounts.
- Be supportive of our Catholic schools! Please continue to support our teachers and our mission to provide a great Catholic education. Please also be aware of statements you make that may represent our schools on social media.



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- Traveling may require a 14-day quarantine upon return, based on ECHD guidance.

Students

- Tell an adult if you are feeling sick. This will be important in stopping the spread.
- Wash your hands regularly and be mindful of any social distancing rules in place.

Teachers

- Training is being provided on Class Dojo and Ready Rosie for all Preschool Teaching staff. This will be required for use in the event remote learning is necessary.
- Teachers have a protocol in their classroom for students to wash hands frequently and for disinfecting the tables, cubbies, and high-touch services.
- There will be assigned seating in all classes at tables and on the rug.
- Educational materials and toys will be cleaned and disinfected often and when switching from room to room.

Symptom Monitoring and Exclusion from School

- Parents, students, and staff will screen at home every morning.
- If evidence of wider community spread, the school may begin conducting temperature checks prior to entrance into the school building.

SCHOOL EXCLUSION DUE TO SYMPTOMS:

Students and employees will be excluded from school if they or someone in their home tests positive for COVID-19.

- They will also be excluded if they exhibit at least one of the following: ***fever of 100.4 Fahrenheit or greater; new cough; shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; or loss of taste or smell.***
- Or if they exhibit at least two of the following: ***chills (shivering); unusual muscle pain; headache; sore throat; nausea; vomiting; diarrhea***



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If a student or staff member begins to exhibit symptoms during the day, the following measures will be taken.

- The staff will be immediately removed from the classroom and sent home.
- The student will be immediately removed from the classroom and sent to the office for a “no-touch” temperature check.
- The office staff will contact parents.
- The student will be required to wear a mask until the student is picked up.

RETURN TO SCHOOL FOLLOWING EXCLUSION:

The student or staff **tested positive** for COVID (with or without symptoms):

- Fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicine AND
- Other symptoms have improved (such as cough or shortness of breath) AND
- Ten calendar days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

The student or staff experienced symptoms and **tested negative** for COVID:

- Fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicine AND
- Other symptoms have improved (such as cough or shortness of breath)

The student or staff **exhibit symptoms** but **did not test** for COVID.

- Fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicine AND
- Other symptoms have improved (such as cough or shortness of breath) AND
- Ten calendar days have passed since symptoms first appeared **OR**
- May return to school if a doctor establishes an alternative diagnosis

Decisions will be made in collaboration with a family's primary care provider and public health officials. These decisions will vary based upon the specific circumstance.



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Entering and Exiting Building

- Parents entering the building please wear a mask.
- The school doors are unlocked between 7:30-8AM. Otherwise please ring the bell and someone will release the door for you to enter the foyer.
- A staff member will walk the student to his or her classroom.
- There will be staggered dismissal for students. Parents please be on time picking up your child(ren).
 - Play Group- 10:55 AM session, 3:10PM session
 - Preschool/Pre-K2 10:58 AM session, 3:13PM session
 - Pre-K- 11:00AM session, 3:15PM session

Cafeteria

- All students/staff required to wash/sanitize hands prior to entering cafeteria.
- Social distancing will be required while waiting in line or when seated at tables.
- All self-serve items will be distributed by cafeteria staff. (Silverware, napkins, milk, water glass.)
- No salad bar will be offered.
- All students will receive full menu options as part of their purchase. This will reduce interaction between people in serving line.
- Assigned seating will be used.
- No outside visitors will be allowed in the cafeteria.
- No use of microwave.
- Only cafeteria staff will be allowed in the kitchen area.

Instruction

- We intend to provide in person instruction for all our students.
- Should a new DHM be issued that reduces the number of students allowed in our building, we may explore a hybrid model.
- In the event of widespread community spread and our Preschool is required to be closed, we will move into online learning. Details will be released later and teachers will be in contact with parents weekly.



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Masks

- All grade school age students and staff will need to wear a mask when social distancing is not possible.
- All grade school age students in child care must have a mask each day and must be appropriate for school.
- Masks should be brought in a baggie and washed each night.
- **We recognize that masks have been a dividing issue. Please be respectful of your school and each other as we work hard to maintain a healthy and safe environment for all.**

Cleaning of Building and Classrooms

- All high touch areas will be cleaned periodically.
- Sinks and antibacterial hand soap are available in each classroom. Hand sanitizer will also be available throughout the building.
- Professional cleaning will be completed if there are positive cases in the building.

Water Fountains

- No water fountain use. Disposable cups and filtered water are available in each classroom.

Visitors

- No visitors or volunteers beyond the school office, except with prior administrator approval.

Scrip

- Scrip orders should be sent with students to school. This is the **best** way to get orders in.
- Email or phone orders must be made by 11:00 a.m. during school days. Send emails to Mrs. Brockhaus (bbrockhaus@stb.esu7.org). If coming from a Preschool family please inform her of that.



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Our Catholic Faith

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

The past several months have been very difficult for everyone. However, even in difficult moments, our Lord is with us and is calling us to a deeper trust and commitment to Him. No matter what this school year brings for us, the most important action we can take is to grow in our love and devotion to our Lord Jesus. Here at St. Bonaventure Preschool & Child Care we will focus on learning about our faith and Jesus daily through prayer, scripture, good deeds, and times of fasting.