

Dear All Saints Families,

I want to give you an update on our plan for the start of this school year. Following the amended guidance from the State of Oregon issued last week, our plans are adapting to assure the safety and wellbeing of our students, faculty and staff while also advancing our Catholic education mission.

Consistent with other schools in Multnomah County, All Saints School will start the school year in an all distance learning (DL) model for all students. We plan to transition to a hybrid model with a mix of in-school and distance learning for families that elect that option when we can do so safely.

Details are under development as we coordinate professional development, technical support and best practices with experts in each field and our sister schools. We are committed to keeping you informed as plans solidify so that you and your family can plan and have confidence in the measures we are taking to advance your child's academic success and protect the health of our community.

We know you may have many questions. We hope that the outline below answers some of those questions.

Class Assignments and Cohorts

- Class assignments and Green or Gold cohort assignments were distributed on Friday, July 31.
- In an all DL model, class assignment remains the same regardless of Green or Gold cohort.
- In a Hybrid model, class assignment remains the same and days for in-person instruction are based on the Green and Gold cohort.
- All students receive instruction five days a week.

Distance Learning Technology

- Teachers will utilize the Google Suite, including Google Classroom for communication and assignments.
- Every classroom will be equipped with a Swivl and camera which will follow the teacher as he/she provides daily instruction via Zoom.
- The network bandwidth is being increased to support the additional video streaming.
- Instructional sessions will be recorded and posted daily on Google Classroom.
- Students in fifth – eighth grade will receive school issued Chromebooks.
- For PreK through fourth grade families, you can use any device that supports Google Suite and Zoom (Chromebook, iPad, Windows PC and others).
 - If you plan to use a Chromebook we recommend the following model:
Samsung Chromebook 4 - 11.6"
Celeron N4000
4 GB RAM
6 GB eMMC
Mfg.Part: XE310XBA-K04US | CDW Part: 5822512 | UNSPSC: 43211503
 - If a family is facing financial challenges and needs support obtaining a device that is compatible for DL please contact Mr. Myers.

Live Streamed Instruction and Attendance

- Live streamed instruction in an all DL model varies by grade and will follow age-appropriate practices.
- Every student should be prepared to be engaged in learning from 8:00-3:15 each school day. The length of live streamed instruction will vary based on grade.
- Grades PreK - 1st can expect about 90 minutes of live streamed instruction daily in the morning with breaks for a total of 1-2 hours of application of instruction and independent work. Afternoons for the same grade levels may include 30-60 minutes of instruction from a specialist via live stream with independent work.
- Grades 2nd-5th can expect about 90-120 minutes of live streamed instruction throughout the day with the remaining time dedicated to independent work.
- Grades 6th-8th have 50 minute class periods. The first 20 minutes or more, depending on the class, will be live streamed.
- Detailed schedules by grade and class will be distributed during Orientation Week.
- Attendance
 - Grades PreK-5 will be taken at morning meetings.
 - Grades 6th-8th grade will be taken in all core classes.

Supplies and Materials

- Students will receive textbooks consistent with an in-person instruction model.
- The schedule for initial pick up will be detailed by grade on Tuesday, September 8 and Wednesday, September 9th.
- Supply Lists are being updated and will be shared with families August 14th.
- If you ordered from Schoolhouse Supplies, those will be available to you at your designated pick up time on September 8th or 9th.
- During all DL students do not need to be in uniform. When we transition to a hybrid model, students at school will need to be in uniform.
- Materials Exchange – Non-digital materials provided by the teachers (example: worksheet) and turned in by the students (example: handwriting assignments) will be exchanged once a week during the Materials Exchange.
 - This includes items like book bags for early learners/readers, library books and other printed materials to be utilized during the week's assignments.
 - This will occur for all grades weekly on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 -7:00 PM.
 - The details on the materials exchange and cleaning protocols between pick-ups will be communicated as the details are finalized.

Schedules

- Every student in an all DL or hybrid model should be prepared to participate in school five days a week from 8:00 am - 3:15 pm.
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday are regularly scheduled instructional days with specials scheduled throughout the week.
- Wednesday includes a live streamed Mass at 8:30 AM followed by homeroom meetings, approximately 60-90 minutes of instruction, specialist time, a video message from Mr. Myers and a Mindfulness Moment before lunch.
- In a Hybrid model, weeks where a Green or Gold cohort day falls on an in-service day or holiday, the Wednesday will be used for the missed Green or Gold cohort day of instruction. A Hybrid calendar will be provided.

- All teachers have dedicated Office Hours from 3:15 – 3:30 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Family and Student Support

- The week of September 8th -11th will be dedicated to supply pick-up, DL orientation and back-to-school information.
- Materials and supply pick up will be scheduled by grade on September 8th and 9th. A schedule will be sent out.
- For students in PreK through fifth grade, individual virtual teacher and family orientations will be scheduled for 20-minute blocks (similar to parent-teacher conferences) on September 9th, 10th and 11th to provide tutorials on how to navigate the online platform and answer questions about the daily routine and schedule. Please click this link to sign up for a conference time.
https://allsaints.na1.echosign.com/public/esignWidget?wid=CBFCIBAA3AAABLblqZhDR5KHS_aW4-SXl-6DT8Zwkcq3LUjaVo33rKPkznffKMzKMRpcpVR-JOI7Oc5JAcU8*
- For students in Middle School there will be homeroom meet and greet on Thursday, September 10th from 10:00 – 10:45 AM followed by evening meetings for parents and students. A schedule will be sent out. Middle School students do not sign up for a virtual orientation.

We have three teams working on all aspects of this new learning model:

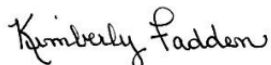
- The DL focus group - Defines digital technologies and teaching methods.
- Operational logistics - Ensures the health and safety of all members of the All Saints community.
- Community and Catholic Identity– Finds new and creative ways to give back to the community.

Each team is working to assure alignment in our collective core mission and explore innovative ways to continue to build connections across grades. Additional information will be communicated as available.

The administrative team and faculty are grateful for the dedication and assistance of each team member. We thank all team members for sharing their time, talent and expertise to develop a strong DL program aligned with our Catholic values and commitment to academic excellence. We are truly blessed to be part of this community of caring families, committed teachers and a collective commitment to advancing our core mission and protecting the health and safety of our students, families, faculty and staff.

Thank you for your support and continued commitment to All Saints School and please take care of yourself and your family.

Sincerely,



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