



Dear Seton Community,

We hope you are doing well and enjoying this unusual summer. We know that you are wondering what fall 2020 will look like for your children at Seton Catholic, and we appreciate all of your patience as we worked to create a plan with the needs of your children, your family, and our staff in mind. Attached to this email you will find two documents. One is the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School 2020 Reopening Plan and the other is a letter regarding the uniform policy for 2020-2021.

The 2020 Reopening Plan was created with the help of a fall planning committee consisting of parents, Seton School Board members, teachers, and other staff. Parent survey input and recommendations from the CDC, the Wisconsin DPI, the American Association of Pediatrics, and Sheboygan County Public Health were all considered in our planning. We are planning to open Seton Catholic on Monday, August 31 with face to face learning. We will be setting up our classrooms and keeping students in classroom groups to reduce exposure and maintain social distancing to the best of our ability. Students will be eating breakfast (new this year) and lunch in our cafeteria, and will be going outside for recess when weather allows in staggered groups. Aftercare will run with the same requirements as our school day.

To reduce the risks to our community, the building will be cleaned and sanitized throughout the school day and after school. Staff will have temperature and symptom checks daily when they arrive, and we will be asking parents to do temperature and symptom checks prior to sending their children to school each day. Frequent hand washing will be scheduled into the day and sanitizer stations will be added. Masks for staff and students will be required in areas where social distancing is not possible.

The decision to require masks was made based on a number of factors. One important factor in the decision was input from our staff. While we know that children may not be as likely to suffer serious symptoms from COVID 19, they can potentially spread the virus to others including teachers and family members. We have roughly thirty adults in our building each school day. Many of our staff fall into the high-risk category for contracting COVID 19. Our staff overwhelmingly expressed the desire to have masks required in the building to protect themselves, our students, and all of our families. We are not unrealistic and know that masks will be more difficult in our younger grades. We will make every effort to sustain social distancing to reduce the need for masks; however, each child will be expected to have a cloth mask for times during the day when social distancing isn't possible. The school will supply a cloth mask for each student and staff member; however, masks from home are also acceptable.



Masks will also be required to enter the school for all parents, deliveries, and visitors. To reduce the potential for exposure, we will be significantly reducing the number of people in our building each day. Volunteering and visiting will be suspended for now and parents will be required to drop off and pick up their children at the door. Our 4K and kindergarten students will be welcomed by staff each day at the main entrance on Superior Avenue to avoid the need for visitors in the halls. Office business will continue and visitors are asked to report directly to the office when entering the school. More information regarding drop off, pick up, and other school business will come in a back to school mailing in August.

If sending your child to school on August 31 is not comfortable for your family, we will also have a virtual option in place. Teachers will be teaching with SWIVL robots in their classrooms. This allows for synchronous, at the same time, teaching for all. Students may attend class from home and be able to interact with their teacher and classroom peers. To make this possible, students will all be provided with either an iPad (grades K-4) or a Chromebook (grades 5-8) as part of our new one-to-one technology program. For an example of the SWIVL classroom, follow this link <https://youtu.be/-PsThdYLTZ8>. It begins with the teacher's view. Virtual student view is at about 5:40 and classroom view is at about 10:44.

We know that this is an unusual time. School will not be the same experience it was in past years; however, we will do all we can to make it as close to "normal" as possible while still protecting the safety of our students, staff, and families. Please understand that while we are planning to teach face to face, there may be times when we will be mandated by an outside agency to go to Plan B or Plan C. We are also aware that there may be times during the year when a student or staff member tests positive for COVID 19. We will be sharing our plans for such events as soon as we receive guidance documents from Sheboygan County Public Health.

Please reach out to either of us if you have questions or special concerns for your family. Thank you for all you do for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School.

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