



St. Thomas Back To School #1

2020/2021 School Year (as of 7/10/2020)

CALENDAR

- ❖ School is opening **Thursday August 20th** with full day in-person classes.
- ❖ Hours: **PreK- 4th Grade 7:50am - 3:00pm**
- ❖ **Grades 5-8 7:50am - 3:10pm**
 - **Students are tardy at 7:50am.**

Please check the Google Calendar for important dates for the 2020-2021 school year.

WATER

- ❖ Water fountains have been disconnected.
- ❖ Two water stations have been installed - one upstairs and one down. (16 - 24 oz water bottles)
- ❖ **Students should arrive with a full water bottle and will have scheduled times to refill during the day.**

CLEAN IT UP!

- ❖ Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms and entrances.
- ❖ Surfaces will be cleaned frequently during the day and thoroughly by our evening cleaning crew.
- ❖ A sanitizing spray will be used each Friday.

VISITORS

- ❖ Visitors, parents and volunteers (with the exception of minimal PA Lunch volunteers) will not be allowed in the school building past the school office. Masks must be worn at all times.
- ❖ Conferences and meetings will be conducted via phone or Google Meet.

MASKS/FACE SHIELDS/DESK BARRIERS

- ❖ Masks will be worn during arrival/dismissal, whenever students are in common areas - hallways, restrooms, etc.

All students will wear masks all or part of the day depending on grade level.

- Students should arrive at school wearing a clean every day.
- Parents should plan on securing at least 3 masks per child.
- Parents encourage their children to wear masks this summer so they are comfortable with this routine. Practice wearing a mask.
- Please label masks.

All masks should do the following:

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face and under the chin
- completely cover the nose and mouth
- secure with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- sustain laundering and machine drying without damage or change to the shape
- be any color or pattern but not include words, symbols, or characters on them or distract the learning environment (PreSchool and Kindergarten student may choose to wear masks with age-appropriate animations/cartoon figures.)

- ❖ Some face shields will be available in the younger classes who are working on enunciation.
- ❖ Clear desk barriers have been ordered for students in Grades K-8.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- ❖ Daily, parents are asked to assess their child's health that morning before dropping them off at school for COVID-19 symptoms.
 - A fever of 100.4° F or greater
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Cough
 - Chills
 - Fatigue
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Diarrhea

To protect the health of others, students and employees are respectfully asked to stay home if they exhibit any of the above symptoms.

- ❖ For every absence or late arrival, parents must complete the **Absence Form** that is found under the Parent tab on the STA website by 9am. (coming soon)
- ❖ If a child is sent home with a fever, we will document that temperature and do a followup temperature check upon their return to school.

- ❖ A doctor's note is required if a student returns to school prior to the 72 hours.
- ❖ Please see COVID-19: When a student, faculty member...can return to school
https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/files/20_Student%20Guidance%20for%20Return%20to%20School.pdf
- ❖ If there is a positive case of coronavirus within a family, parents are expected to contact the school immediately. The Marion County Health Department will be contacted, and we will follow their recommendations. (Confidentiality will be maintained.)
- ❖ If your child has allergies, our doctor consultant suggests that you consult with your pediatrician regarding "optimizing allergy treatments to minimize symptoms".
- ❖ Faculty and staff will provide training and constant reminders of safe practices for handwashing, social distancing, etc.

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

Arrival - Students will go directly to their classrooms

- ❖ Car line drop off - no change.
- ❖ Walkers may walk up the ramp using social distancing protocols following the direction of the incharge adult.

**Parents need to remain in their cars and may not walk their kids into the School building.
(PreSchool and K - TBD)**

Dismissal - Students' dismissal will be staggered.

- ❖ All students will congregate (social distancing) on the Illinois Street parking lot to wait for pickup.
- ❖ Aftercare will be escorted to their designated meeting place.

LUNCH/RECESS

- ❖ Lunch will be in the classrooms to start the year.
- ❖ PA lunches and milk will be delivered to the classrooms.
 - All PA lunches will be packaged in individual servings.
- ❖ All grades will have a 20-30 minute recess each day.

IN THE CLASSROOM

- ❖ As much as possible, students will remain in their homeroom classrooms for content classes.
- ❖ Desks will be facing forward and separated as far apart as possible. Students will have assigned seats.
- ❖ For Specials classes, students may travel to their teachers if social distancing protocols can be maintained. PE classes will meet outside as often as possible.

AFTERCARE

- ❖ Aftercare will be split into two or three age level groups depending on the numbers.
- ❖ All groups will have an outside time rotating basis.
- ❖ Parents must email the Director if students are staying on unscheduled days.

