



2021-2022

SVDP is excited about the 2021-2022 school year! Here is an overview of how our school day will look. This plan will take us through the first trimester. Additional changes will be made if necessary and communicated to families.

Together we can support a healthy school

Prayer:

- We believe in the power of prayer. We ask parents and school members to pray for our school community.

Respect, Charity, and Empathy:

- Practice empathy with other parents, other students, and school staff.

Our Commitment

Strive to Keep the Children In School:

- We believe in-person learning is critical and doing so in a way that keeps them safe and healthy – not just physically but mentally, socially, spiritually, and according to all the basic needs of child development.

Mitigation Strategies:

- We will continue to implement and enforce mitigation strategies that are not distracting from a positive learning environment.

Monitoring and Adjusting:

- Our focus will be on our school community. We are committed to monitoring our school case numbers and adjusting our protocols as necessary.

Partnering with Parents:

- Parents are in the best position to evaluate their families' risks and benefits, and to choose what is best for their children. As much as possible we will leave decisions in the hands of our parents/guardians and work with them to find solutions that work for their children.

Family Commitment

Health Screenings:

- Screen your child every morning for symptoms of illness along with assessing temperature. Keep children home who are ill and email your child's teacher and attendance@saintvdp.org.

Students with Illness:

- Refer to SVDP Illness Tree.

Health Forms:

- If your student will need services from the health office, please follow the link (<https://school.saintvdp.org/health-office>) and complete the required paperwork.
- Each school year, and when there has been a health change, new forms need to be completed.
- All paperwork and medications need to be turned in prior to the first day of school. Please turn in items at Open House or directly to the school office.

VIRTUS:

- When visitors and volunteers are welcomed back to campus, they will all need to be VIRTUS compliant. Please visit <https://school.saintvdp.org/volunteer-screening> for more information.

First day of school 1st – 8th grades:

9/7/2021

First day of school Kindergarten:

9/9/2021

Arrival Time Dismissal Time

7:15-7:30 (doors unlocked)

1:40

****School Begins****

7:35 (students must be seated at desk and ready for day, otherwise will be marked tardy)

Drop off/Pick up

Which door? - All K-8 students will enter the **main front doors** in the morning. Parents are asked to drop off and pick up outside of the building, using the car line. No pedestrians.

Absence reporting- ***NEW***

attendance@saintvdp.org

Specials

Music- in music room

Physical Education- outside (weather permitting), otherwise in gym

Library- in library

Computer- in computer lab

Technology- in computer lab or in classroom

** Cleaning will occur between classes*

Water Bottles

Students are welcome to bring a water bottle daily. Water bottle refill stations will be operational.

Mass

All students in grades 1-8 will celebrate Mass every Wednesday at 8 AM.

Lockers

Lockers will be used by students to store and retrieve items.

Field Trips

Field trips will be suspended for the Fall.

Visitors/Volunteers

In the fall, visitors will not be allowed in school unless essential for the health and safety of the community.

Lunch

- Students will have 15 minutes for lunch. They will sit in assigned seats in lunchroom.
 - Hot lunch- no options of seconds or self-serve salad bar.
 - Lunch visitors suspended for fall 2021.
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Recess

K-5 students will have a morning and lunch recess, 6-8 will have a lunch recess. Grade levels will mix for short periods of time during these recess times.

Cleaning

All classrooms will be cleaned mid-day. For 5th – 8th grades, students will clean their desk prior to switching classes.

Sanitizing

After a known COVID-19 positive case, the classroom and surrounding common areas will be sanitized.

Classroom Arrangement

Each classroom teacher will choose how to arrange desks or tables to facilitate optimal learning and distancing. Parents will see classrooms at Open House.

Ventilation

Our HVAC system will continue to be monitored and adjusted as needed to maximize airflow.

Respiratory Etiquette

Face coverings are strongly recommended. Parents will decide if their child will wear face coverings in the school building. Notify your child's teacher if you would like your student to be reminded to wear their mask. Case numbers in the classroom or school may initiate a mandatory requirement for face coverings for limited periods of time. Face coverings on the school bus are required per the CDC.

COVID-19 Mitigation Practices

We have learned over these many months of COVID-19 that our approach to managing the virus needs to have layers of mitigation and flexibility to adjust to all of the changes. We continuously monitor our plan and will update as necessary. As mentioned in this document, our mitigation practices include:

- **Hand Hygiene**
- **Ventilation**
- **Cleaning**
- **Health Checks by parents at home, using the SVDP Illness tree as a guide**
- **Sanitizing**
- **Seating Charts**
- **Physical Distancing**
- **Respiratory Etiquette**

We are fortunate to have a full-time Nurse on site to monitor student illness and monitor COVID-19 conditions in our school.

For Lab Confirmed Cases of COVID-19:

- The SVDP Illness Tree will be followed.
- Moving forward, we will send affected grade level parents notification of a positive case along with communicating to families if their child was in close contact with a positive COVID case in school. Since classroom seating is assigned and carries over to lunch and Mass, students can be identified who have been within 6 feet of a COVID positive child. Parents can make an informed decision about keeping their child home due to potential exposure.
- We will support Distance Learning if a student stays home to quarantine due to a possible exposure in school.

In addition:

For these purposes, each K-5 homeroom is considered a classroom. The entire 6th grade is considered a classroom. The entire 7th grade is considered a classroom. The entire 8th grade is considered a classroom.

- If a classroom has 2 positive COVID-19 cases at one time who were in the building while infectious during a two-week period, *the entire classroom will wear a face covering indoors for 14 days from the date of last contact with the positive case.*
- If a classroom has 3 positive COVID-19 cases at one time who were in the building while infectious during a two-week period, *the entire grade will wear a face covering indoors for 14 days from the date of last contact with the positive case.* Some classes will eat lunch in the classrooms.
- If a classroom has 4 positive COVID-19 cases at one time who were in the building while infectious during a two-week period, *the classroom will go to distance learning for 5 school days.*
- If the SVDP community has 5 or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 who were in the building while infectious during a two-week reporting period, leadership will assess our protocols and some of the following actions may be implemented for limited periods of time:
 - Face coverings may be required for all students and staff
 - Lunchroom schedule adjusted to have grade levels rotate eating in lunchroom and classroom, similar to the schedule of 2020-2021 school year, reducing the number of students in the lunchroom at a time.
 - Recess schedule may be adjusted to minimize mixing of grade levels
 - May implement contact tracing and require quarantine of those who were exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19 who were in the building while infectious.

2021-2022 Illness Decision Tree

