

# SAINT BEDE ACADEMY

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The information in this return to learn plan is subject to frequent change. As always, the Saint Bede Administrative team will notify our families of updates and changes when available. We have attached the most recent FAQ from ISBE for your convenience.

Effective August 4, 2021, **St. Bede Academy is requiring masks be worn indoors by all students, faculty, staff and visitors to the school, regardless of vaccination status.**

The CDC and IPDH strongly encourage all individuals eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine to be vaccinated. Vaccination is currently the leading public health prevention strategy to end the spread of COVID-19. Parents/guardians are asked to voluntarily provide proof of vaccination for their student to the school in order to help administrators and faculty perform prompt contact tracing, follow proper quarantine and testing protocols, and identify those students who may be able to go unmasked in the future. The student's vaccination card can be either copied and dropped off in the main office or scanned and emailed to Jolene Plankenhorn, our school secretary, at [jplankenhorn@st-bede.com](mailto:jplankenhorn@st-bede.com).

We will resume our normal in-person schedule with a 2:40PM dismissal (M, W, TH, F) and 1:40PM (TUES) for the 2020-2021 school year. **Hybrid learning and/or remote learning will not be available unless the entire school goes remote. If there is a documented health condition or a doctor provides a medical diagnosis that in-person instruction is not an option for your child, Mrs. Mershon needs to be contacted immediately and those situations will be handled on a case-by-case basis.** You can see our daily in-person schedules below:

M, W, TH, F		TUESDAY	
Period A	7:50-8:33	Period A	7:50-8:23
Homeroom	8:33-8:43	Homeroom	8:23-8:43
Period B	8:47-9:30	Period B	8:47-9:20
Period C	9:34-10:17	Period C	9:24-9:57
Period D	10:21-11:04	Period D	10:01-10:34
Period E	E1: 11:08 - 11:52, Lunch 11:57-12:18 E2: 11:08-11:29/11:57-12:18, Lunch 11:33-11:54 E3: 11:33 - 12:18, Lunch 11:08 - 11:30	Period E	E1: 10:38 - 11:21, Lunch 11:27 - 11:48 E2: 10:38-10:58/11:27-11:48, Lunch 11:03-11:24 E3: 11:03 - 11:48, Lunch 10:38 - 10:59
Period F	12:23-1:06	Period F	11:52-12:25
Period G	1:10-1:53	Period G	12:29-1:02
Period H	1:57-2:40	Period H	1:06-1:40

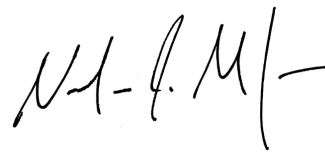
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## General Requirements

- All students will be required to wear a mask at all times. Families and students with documented medical issues should contact Mrs. Mershon before August 11, 2021 for guidance.
- One mask per student will be provided by the school and required to be worn as part of their uniform. Students are able to wear other masks as long as they follow the IDPH guidelines and do not contain any offensive slogans and/or images.
- Students will not be allowed to congregate in the parking lot, hallways, PSC Commons, etc.
- Lockers will be used this year. Students should drop off their belongings and go immediately to their Period A class. Throughout the day lockers will be used on a rotating basis with no congregating at the lockers during passing periods. Seniors and Sophomore students will use their lockers during periods A, C, E, G, and H. Juniors and Freshman will use their lockers during periods B, D, E, F, and H.
- CELL PHONES WILL BE **TURNED OFF** AND REMAIN IN STUDENT LOCKERS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY. The cell phone policy will be strictly enforced.
- Book bags and coats (outside of the St. Bede Uniform Jacket) will be required to remain in the student's locker.
- Athletic bags will be stored in the equipment room. All athletic equipment will be required to be taken home and washed daily.
- Every effort will be made to guarantee 3'-6' of social distancing in all classrooms.
- Administrators will serve as the contact tracers.
- Visitors to the campus will be limited. Visitors will adhere to the same protocols of faculty, staff, and students. A phone number needs to be provided for contact tracing.

## COVID-19 Protocols

Parents are the first defense Saint Bede Academy has in preventing the transmission of COVID-19 in the school setting. We ask that if your student does not feel well, that they do not come to school. We will be following the IDPH decision tree and consult our local health department in regards to identifying and quarantining both vaccinated and unvaccinated students. This will be provided to our families once we receive a copy.

## Arrival Protocols

Students may arrive on campus between 7:30 – 7:45am. All students will enter the building through the Perino Science Center. In an effort to have classes begin promptly at 7:50am, it is imperative that students arrive by 7:45am. After placing your belongings in your lockers, students should report directly to their Period A class.

## Building Protocols

- Main hallways will have two way traffic. Students will be required to stay on their right hand side. We ask students to be respectful of the new expectations.
- Stairways will be divided as follows:
  - The Stair Tower and Old Main stairwell will be two-way.
  - The North and South stairwell will be one way going up.
  - The Center stairwell will be one way going down.
- An ample supply of hand sanitizer will be placed throughout the building and in classrooms.
- Students will be required to wipe the table top, seat, and seat back of their desk or cafeteria table before leaving the classroom and refectory.

- Students will not be allowed to use the drinking fountains. It is strongly recommended that students bring a clear water bottle from home and use the refill stations.
- We encourage students to leave the campus at the conclusion of the school day. If that is not possible, students will need to be masked and maintain social distancing in the student commons of the PSC. We also ask that they utilize outdoor spaces when the weather permits.

### **Refectory Guidelines**

- Saint Bede will now use the Refectory to eat lunches. Period E has now been split into three separate sections. Students will be assigned an E class and subsequent lunch period on the first day of school.
- Students will need to have their student ID on them for touchless checkout in the refectory.
- Students need to maintain social distancing in the refectory, especially the serving lines. Spots will be marked on the floor for students to stand on and social distance.
- Seating will be limited to four students per table. The seat the student chooses on the fourth day of school lunch will be your required seat for the remainder of the semester.
- The serving lines will be open for the main entrees, served to the students on the lunch trays. Prepackaged salads, chips, and other a la carte items will be available for the students to select. Students may also bring a lunch from home.
- Students will be allowed to bring their own refillable water bottle or water from home to lunch.

### **Athletic Guidelines**

- Masks must be worn for all indoor IHSA athletic events regardless of an individual's vaccination status. This applies to student-athletes, coaches, officials, game personnel, and fans. This applies to all IHSA fall sport practices and contests that are conducted indoors. This directive also applies to any winter or spring IHSA sports that may be conducting open gyms, general conditioning, or weightlifting indoors.
- Currently, there are no restrictions to scheduling or spectator limitations (this is subject to change).
- Athletes will be spaced at least 3 feet apart on the bench while indoors.
- When traveling to and from sporting events on a school bus, charter bus, or white bus, masks must be worn by all student-athletes, coaches, etc.