

Good Morning St. John Fisher School,

Tomorrow we will begin our full-day on-site program for K-3. This is very exciting as we re-assimilate back to a more “traditional” school day. We are expecting 92% of students to return to campus and 8% are choosing to remain in CDL. Our faculty and staff have been working hard all year and I am so grateful for their dedication as they have been “live streaming” their teaching and learning the tools to assist both “live” and “remote” learners. We are ready for this transition!

As we begin this next step together, please take a moment to read the attached Hybrid Learning Summary Sheet. It is a summary of our complete Oregon Department of Education Operational Blueprint for School Reentry, which is also attached. A few important items to note:

- Drop off will begin each morning at 7:55am and students should be in class by 8:15am. To assist with traffic flow and flow of the students coming into the building, we would appreciate families with the last name of A-K to arrive from 7:55-8:05 and families with the last name starting with L-Z to arrive from 8:05-8:15.
- When you arrive, please have your child ready to get out of the car with their mask on and backpack handy. This will help with our traffic flow and check in screening process.
- Please remember to pack a lunch as we do NOT have hot lunch service at this time.
- Students should bring 2 masks with them in case 1 needs to be replaced during the day. SJF does have disposable masks on site for use as needed.
- Pick up will begin at 3:05 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 2:05 on Wednesday. To assist with traffic flow, we would appreciate families with the last name of A-K pick up between 3:05-3:10 and L-Z to pick up from 3:10-3:15.

As we begin this next step, we are proceeding with the utmost safety to ensure we are operating in alignment with all the protocols set forth by the Oregon Department of Education and Oregon Health Authority. Thanks to our careful phasing in of On-Site for our K-3, we find our school in alignment following the metric set by the Oregon Department of Education, not just because it is now advisory. The updated [Advisory Metrics for Returning to In-person Instruction Through the Onsite or Hybrid Model](#) (pg. 18) allows Elementary On-Site and Hybrid Instruction at 200 - 350 per 100,000 cases. The COVID case counts for the last 3 weeks for Multnomah County are as follows:

- 12/20-1/2: 342.7 cases per 100,000
- 12/27-1/9: 312.3 cases per 100,000
- 1/3-1/16: 293.6 cases per 100,000

I would be remiss to not mention that this full-day return may bring about some feelings of anxiousness or nervousness as we will have more students in our classrooms for longer periods of time. To find comfort in these feelings, we can look at our track record of health within our own school, the screening and cleaning procedures we have in place and the dedication of the faculty and staff to help ensure all are following the proper protocols. Each of us must take an active part in ensuring our community remains safe and healthy. More than ever, it is important that we all continue to follow the recommended protocols to slow the spread of COVID and remember the shared responsibility each of us have to this community as we go about our lives

outside of our school community. Through our joint efforts, we will continue to provide an excellent Catholic education for all students at St. John Fisher School.

Blessings,

Merrit Holub  
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