



Zoom Meeting Q and A

These questions were asked either during the meeting or via email, but at the time we were unable to answer them. For other questions asked and answered during the meetings, please review the Zoom recordings.

- Q: Can students be choose to learn on-campus for a few days and then off campus within the same week?
- A: No. Families will have to choose to start either remotely or on-campus and stick with that through the Add/Drop period (September 8). If a change is requested after that date, families must go through the following process:
- Written request (via email) to student's counselor
 - Allow 5 school days for processing the change from remote to on-campus
 - Allow 1-2 days for processing the change from on-campus to remote (With the exception of students who have symptoms related to COVID, have had contact/exposure, or other unusual circumstances.)
- Q: For a student who is sick (just regular sick--not Covid sick), could they attend class virtually for the duration of their illness if they feel up to it?
- A: Yes. But the following steps must be taken:
- The parent must email Mrs. Warren or call the Main Office to report student's absence (as usual)
 - The parent (not the student) must email the student's teachers as early as possible to inform the teacher that the student wants to participate remotely (Bear in mind that if the email is sent after 7:45, the teacher may possibly not be able to prepare for this in time for the student's class.)
 - If students attend remotely for the duration of the entire block, they will be considered present
- Q. What is the consequence when a student fails to/refuses to wear a mask.
- A. In our code of conduct, we will have the following 3 step process in place:
- Warning/parental notification
 - Student/Parent conference with principal
 - Student moves to virtual learning until further notice
- While we realize there may be some instances of forgetfulness (vs. defiance), we must also be certain that all students understand the importance of following health protocols at all times.
- Q. What do I do if I have two students to drop off who have to enter through two different doors?
- A. Carpool drivers may drop off students at any place in the carpool flow, as long as students head to their respective entry point in the school. Drivers are simply asked to remain on school grounds long enough to ensure their students are allowed to enter the building. For student drivers who drive siblings, if one does not pass the temperature check but the other does, we will determine with you how to get one (or both) students home. Siblings who do not return home, will be carefully monitored throughout the day.

- Q: How will PE change?
A: Students in PE will be socially distanced in the locker rooms, staggering dress-outs at the beginning and end of the block; the locker room and areas of undress will be sanitized after each use. As usual, students will wash/sanitize hands when going in and out of the locker rooms. Curriculum will be modified for more outdoor activities; individual and socially distanced activities (I.e. pickleball; tennis, jump rope, conditioning, etc.).
- Q: May students who are learning virtually be able to participate in clubs/after school activities?
A: Yes. If an activity is virtual (club meeting), they may attend from home. They will be allowed on campus for extra-curricular and after-school activities.
- Q: What is happening with fall sports?
A: The Heads of Schools and the Athletic Directors of all eleven schools in TCIS met on 7-29-2020. Several options are currently under review. We hope to have more definitive answers by August 10.
- Q: Will virtual learners go on retreats?
A: We are currently looking at the options, but our plan is to include all students and continue to fulfill their spiritual needs during this time of virtual learning.
- Q: Will communion be offered at Mass.
A: Yes.
- Q: Are student Christian Service Hours still due on September 8.
A: We will be extending the deadline. More information to come.
- Q: Will there still be emergency drills?
A: Yes. Teachers will review procedures with students in each class for each block (fire, weather). We are required by law (unless notified otherwise) to conduct fire drills. Students will put on their masks and move through the hallways to their designated exit and, once outside, remain socially distanced. For intruders drills, students will be trained on the safe location within the classroom, but for drills, they will remain in their seats, with all other protocols being followed.
- Q: Does the air circulate in the classrooms?
A: Supply and return vents are located in each classroom and communal area allowing the air to constantly recirculate; the main air handler has a CO₂ sensor which reads the occupancy of the building and brings in more fresh air as needed. At the time of the Zoom meetings, we were still reviewing options regarding any additional filtering modifications. Since then we have contracted with Colonial Webb, investing in bipolar ionization technology which releases charged atoms that attach to and deactivate harmful substances like bacteria, mold, allergens, and viruses. They will also be installing higher efficiency filters which meet standards that remove at least 99.97% of airborne particles down to the size of 0.3 microns. To clarify, students in classes where they are distanced 6 feet will not have to wear masks. Learn more about [bipolar ionization](#). This is a significant investment we are prepared to make for the safety of our community.

A few changes since we last met:

- Lockers will be optional; students wishing to use a locker will have one assigned that will be located by their third block class, allowing them to store their lunch as well as any books they need for the second half of the day. They may only use their locker before school, before block 3, and after school. Few students use lockers anyway, so we expect the locker assignments will be socially distanced.

- Students who plan to begin school virtually DO NOT have to attend the on-campus orientation day as stated in the summer letter; they will participate in a virtual orientation at the same time. This information will be sent to virtual students prior to their orientation date. The dates for orientations are:
 - August 24 (8/9)
 - August 25 (10)
 - August 26 (11)
 - August 27 (12)

- If we are still under the 50 person limit for social gatherings on August 14, the Welcome Mass with Dessert will be cancelled.