

Christ the King Catholic School

Plan to reopen

Fall of 2020

(revised Thursday, July 29, 2020)

*Dear Families of Christ the King Catholic School,
I hope that the past few months have awakened a new appreciation and understanding for all of us on the importance of our school. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge how difficult this must be for all of you, because it has been for me as well. My primary reason for choosing this vocation is to impact the lives of our students and instill in them a love of God and for learning. Our plan to reopen on Wednesday, September 9, 2020, is outlined below. A Calendar is attached with two separate days set aside to meet the teacher before classes begin. I look forward to seeing all of you very soon. May God bless all of us, especially in the upcoming weeks and months of a new beginning.
Sincerely, Cathy Fithian*

In General: Consideration for this plan is made in accordance with guidelines set forth by the Kansas State Department of Education, Wyandotte County Health Department, Governor Kelly's office, and our Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Schools. A team of school personnel, school advisory board members, and parents met to discuss the following plan to reopen our school. It has been updated three times since our meeting last month in order for us to comply with the latest guidelines. We feel that every effort has been and will continue to be made to keep our faculty and students healthy.

The Plan: As of today, our school is able to accommodate all students in the building maintaining six feet distancing. If your family has a medical reason for your student to learn from home, accommodations may be made for remote learning. Please contact Mrs. Fithian by August 5, 2020, to learn if you qualify for remote learning accommodations. seecathyctk@mac.com or 913-287-8883

All faculty, staff, and students inside the building must maintain six feet distancing, and they must wear masks. Students will be taught the proper way to wear masks. Masks will be provided for students and teachers.

Any visitors/parents to the building will be required to wear masks and their movement in hallways and classrooms will be restricted in order that they have little or no contact with students.

All faculty and staff upon entering the building each day will have their temperatures taken. All students upon entering the building each day will have their temperatures taken.

The nurse, the front office, and each classroom teacher will have a thermal thermometer.

Times and dates for back to school/meet the teacher night are staggered and lengthened to accommodate six feet social distancing. Students will be scheduled alphabetically by the first letter of the student's last name. If there are several students in a family with different last names, the entire family should attend according to the last name of the oldest student in the family.

All water fountains will be out of use. Water bottles will be used in their stead.

Parents, if any of you is looking to begin your family service hours, please contact the office at 913-287-8883. We have several needs before school begins, and you could help us out tremendously.

Specifications by Area:

Before

Care/Breakfast:

Students upon entering Davern Hall will have their temperatures taken, roll will be taken, and masks will be required while in the lunch room. Students will be seated six feet apart for breakfast. All belongings will stay

with the student.

Trash cans will be rolled to each table for trash pick up by the lunchroom personnel. All tables and chairs will be sanitized after every meal.

Hallways:

Students should pass on the right side of the hallway, walking six feet apart. There is no physical contact between students and students or students and teachers. At all times possible limit the use of hallways to one class to pass at one time.

Classrooms: No student should leave their seats unless given permission by the teacher. No sharing of pencils, pens, or other supplies. For levels who are departmentalized, the teacher will move rooms whenever possible to avoid student movement.

Bathrooms: Only 2 students at one time in the restroom-keeping their six foot distances. Hands must be washed before returning to class.

Church/Mass: Split the school into two or three sub groups to attend mass and still stay within mass attendance guidelines set forth by local and state authorities and the Archdiocese of KC in KS.

Outdoor spaces:

Before and After School: During arrival and dismissal students should stay six feet apart. Designated areas will be assigned for each grade. Entry into the building will be staggered for each grade group.

Recess: All equipment will be sanitized daily. Students will wash hands before and after contact with any equipment.

Breaks: More frequent but shorter breaks need to be taken outdoors, especially with how little movement students will be allowed in the building.

A walking path will be painted on the upper lot for students to have another activity that keep them moving and distancing at the same time.

Nurse's Office: Temperatures of 100.4 and above raise a concern. The RN will proceed with all guidelines set forth by the local and state authorities, and the archdiocesan school office which are necessary to identify and treat anyone with symptoms.

Lunch Room/lunch in classrooms:

Lunch in classrooms means keeping the same six feet distances between classmates. Students remain seated. Whenever possible lunch can be eaten outdoors.

We may possibly have family members attending and sitting together in order to optimize the use of the space available.

Students/teachers will sit six feet apart with four or five to a pew depending on the size of students. Teachers will lead the mass with readings and prayers of the faithful.

We will have two designated nursing areas. The clinic will become the room for quarantining anyone who has symptoms of Covid, or who may have been in contact with someone else who has the virus.

The spare room will be the room in which all other nursing needs are attended, or the nurse will travel to the patient rather than the patient proceed to the area of quarantine.

Specials:

In General: All areas of the school will be sanitized each evening after the school children leave. After care will sanitize the room with the mist machine once the last student has left.

When able to return to the classrooms and library upstairs, the use of upstairs restrooms should be limited to emergency situations only-with no more than two students in the bathroom at one time. Those students should follow all of the guidelines for use of the bathrooms.

Art: Students will sit six feet apart in their classrooms. The Art teacher will travel to the classrooms for art instruction. All materials for art will be given to them at their seats. No one should need to move around the room for any reason. *As of today, July 28, 2020, art classes are suspended until further notice.*

Music: Students will sit six feet apart in their classrooms. The music teacher will travel to the classrooms for music formation. Music class may also be held outdoors whenever appropriate.

Choir/Band: Students will sit six feet apart in the music room following all of the same classroom guidelines as in their homerooms.

P.E.: P.E will be held outside whenever possible following all outdoor guidelines as listed above for recess.

Other/Miscellaneous: School of Religion will move classes to Davern Hall rather than hold them in the school until further notice.

List of needs using Cares funds:

1. Thermal thermometers
2. Masks-two cloth masks per student that are washed daily
3. Washer and Dryer
4. Chrome Books for student who do not have devices at home.

5. Cleaning materials including automatic sanitizing stations in each room including the lunch room and hallways.
6. Replacing any faucets that are not automatic with automatic faucets.
7. Replacing all soap and paper towel dispensers that are not automatic.
8. Water bottles or water coolers in each classroom.
9. Carts for moving teacher resources from room to room and to help with moving lunches from the kitchen to the classrooms.

Committee to Reopen Members: Admin(1), Faculty(3), School Board Members(5), Nurse(1), Administrative Assistant(1), Counselor(1), Lunch Supervisors(2)

Collaboration with the following entities has also guided the creation of this plan: Orders from the office of Governor Kelly, the Wyco Health Department, the Archdiocese of KC in KS School Office, Other Principals in our archdiocese, and the Kansas State Department of Education.

In Closing: Prayer is the opposite of worry and anxiety. Let's all pray this prayer as often as possible from Pope Francis for Mary's continued protection.

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Here is a CNS translation of the prayer Pope Francis recited by video March 11 for a special Mass and act of prayer asking Mary to protect Italy and the world during the coronavirus pandemic.

O Mary,
 you always shine on our path
 as a sign of salvation and of hope.
 We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
 who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.
 You, Salvation of the Roman People,
 know what we need,
 and we are sure you will provide
 so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
 we may return to joy and to feasting
 after this time of trial.
 Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
 to conform to the will of the Father
 and to do as we are told by Jesus,
 who has taken upon himself our sufferings
 and carried our sorrows
 to lead us, through the cross,
 to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen