St. Andrew Apostle School  
Return to Campus - Second Quarter Update  
Fall 2020

We wanted to take a few minutes to provide an update on some of our COVID-19 procedures and protocols for the second quarter. The previously announced “return to campus” update is still in effect and the below is a revision on some of the processes that we have fine-tuned since the beginning of the 2020-2021 academic year.

We continue to make the health and safety of our students, faculty, staff and families the priority and will continue to make science based decisions for our operational status and processes.

Available Learning Options

We have asked all school families to decide on their second quarter learning modality. In-school families may choose to switch to online, at any time. For logistical and safety purposes, online learners will not be able to switch to in-school learning, once the quarter begins. The learning options for the second quarter are:

- Five days a week, in-school learning  
  or  
- Five days a week, online learning

Holiday Travel

We wanted to remind everyone that we all have an obligation to each other, in order to keep our entire community safe and healthy! We recognize many of you have families outside of the DMV area and do have plans to travel over the holiday timeframe. We ask for you to please take every precaution as we need everyone to take the potential exposure to the virus very seriously.

For our in-person student learners, you may switch to online - at any time, in order to self quarantine before or after any travel or possible exposure. We strongly believe that being overly cautious is the right path for the good of our entire community.

If you must travel out-of-state during Thanksgiving or Christmas break, we ask that you follow the CDC Guidelines for Travel. We also ask that if you are travelling to a state with a COVID-19 test positivity rate above 10%, that your student return to school in the distance learning option for two weeks, after your return to the area. The CDC’s list of state COVID-19 test positivity rates can be found here.

The CDC Guidelines for Thanksgiving Celebrations encourage small in-person gatherings with only those in your household and finding alternative ways, such as delivering prepared meals or virtual celebrations, to celebrate with extended family or friends.
We will be relying on all our families to be truthful and comply with all health-related policies and procedures. Prevention is the key to any successful plan. While we are not in the business of monitoring personal liberties, we are asking for all our families to be considerate of others and to assess how your action may potentially impact others. Families should consider delaying any travel to at-risk areas. We all need to cooperate to have a successful school year.

**Health Screening**

Each in-school student will be health screened, every morning, prior to their exit from their vehicle. Additionally, the temperature will be taken of all occupants of the vehicle. If anyone in the vehicle displays a temperature above 100.4 F, they will be asked to depart the premises immediately and contact the school office, for further instruction.

**Regular Dismissal Procedure**

- Parents and guardians must wear a mask upon arrival and keep it on until you have pulled off campus.
- Parents must stay next to their car footprint, please do not approach the school building.
- Please have your number visible and mask on.
- Students will be called out from inside the building, announced in the order of the row you are parking in.
- Cars will be dismissed row by row, as directed by our faculty/staff.

**Revised Aftercare Pick-Up Procedure**

Parents/guardians should NOT get out of their car to pick up their student.

If you are picking up prior to 5pm:

- Pull into a parking spot outside of the junior high doors.
- All occupants of the vehicle must be wearing a mask.
- Call the main office at 301-649-3555 and give the name of the student you are picking up, along with a description of the vehicle.
- A staff member will walk the student to your car and verify your identity. This will act as the “check-out” process.
- The above procedures also apply to when the aftercare groups are outdoors as well. Please call the office and the teachers will be radioed to escort your child to the car.

If you are picking up after 5pm:

- The cones will be removed and you may pull up and park closer to the main school entrance.
- All occupants of the vehicle must be wearing a mask.
- Call the main office at 301-649-3555 and give the name of the student you are picking up, along with a description of the vehicle.
- A staff member will walk the student to your car and verify your identity. This will act as the “check-out” process.