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2019 National  
Blue Ribbon School

In an effort to provide as much information as possible,  
below is a list of frequently asked questions...

**Q: Are school times changing?**

School times remain the same. Doors open at 7:15, school begins at 7:45 with dismissal at 2:15.

**Q: Will students need to be in uniform?**

Students will be allowed to wear PE uniforms to school every day until Monday, 9/21.

**Q: Can students bring in a lunch box?**

YES, students can either bring in a paper bag lunch or use a reusable lunch box. Students are not able to share treats/lunch with other students.

**Q: When does hot lunch start?**

Hot lunch will begin Tuesday, 9/1. Orders are now being accepted through 8/23. The first special lunch is 8/26.

**Q: Will there be buses?**

We have been told there will be bus service as long as District 113a remains open. If the district closes, changes most likely will be made.

**Q: Can families travel?**

At this time, we are requesting that families do not travel. If travel is necessary, upon return students will be required to quarantine at home for two weeks.

**Q: What if your child gets sick at school?**

Your child will be sent home. Depending on the situation, a doctor's note may be required to return. In addition, we will have access to a nurse hotline that we can use for additional guidance.

**Q: Can face shields be used instead of masks?**

No. Face shields cannot be used instead of masks, as per directives of the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

**Q: If your child is home sick/in quarantine, can they remote learn?**

Yes, they will be able to learn remotely on a daily basis.

**Q: Are class treats allowed?**

Unfortunately at this time, there will be NO class/group treats of any kind. If this policy changes, we will notify parents.

**Q. How will gym, recess & lunch work? Will children be required to wear masks?**

Staff and students are required to wear masks at all times in the building, except when eating lunch. Social distancing will be required when moving through the building. Masks can be removed if students go outside and social distancing is maintained.

**Q: Will students go outside regularly?**

YES, it is our intent to bring students outside often in an attempt to give them a break from wearing their masks. Social distancing will still be required.

**Q: Will there be extra-curricular activities?**

At this time, all activities/clubs/meetings will be suspended. This includes sports. We are looking at the possibility of doing zoom meetings for some of the events.

**Q: Will students be attending church?**

We are hopeful we will be able to attend mass beginning in October. Until then, daily prayers will be said in the classrooms.

**Q: What grades require chrome books?**

Grades 6-8 require individual chrome books. Younger grades work with community chrome books. These will be cleaned between uses, however you are able to purchase a chrome book for your child's sole use if you prefer.

**Q: How will parent meetings be held?**

All meetings this year will be held virtually. This includes PSO, BSJ and Parent/Teacher conferences.

***COVID RELATED QUESTIONS,  
RESPONSES FROM THE ARCH DIOCESE:***

**Q: What are the symptoms of COVID-19?**

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has identified several [symptoms](#) of COVID-19, including high fever (above 100.4°F), sore throat, coughing, nausea, headache, muscle aches, loss of taste or smell, runny nose, fatigue, diarrhea and difficulty breathing.

**Q: What should I do if my child has symptoms of COVID-19?**

A: If your child shows symptoms of COVID-19, you should contact your doctor. Your doctor may ask that your child participate in a COVID-19 test. You should alert your school's main office and not send your child to school.

If the symptoms occur during the school day, your child will be immediately sent to the office and you will be contacted to pick your child up from school.

**Q: My child had COVID-19-like symptoms, but tested negative for COVID-19. When can he/she return to school?**

If your child does not have COVID-19, but has another illness, you should keep your child home until the illness' symptoms disappear. Your school will require you to provide a negative COVID-19 test and/or a doctor's note before your child can return to school.

**Q: What should I do if my child tests positive for COVID-19?**

You should immediately contact your doctor for additional instructions. You should also contact your school's main office. You should not send your child to school.

**Q: When can a student return to school after receiving a positive COVID-19 test?**

If a student tests positive for COVID-19 or does not seek medical attention, students must isolate and not return to school until they have met [CDC's criteria to discontinue home isolation](#). This includes:

1. Three or more days without a high fever;
2. A reduction of other COVID symptoms by at least 75 percent; and
3. At least 14 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

**Q: What should I do if a member of my household (who is not my child) tests positive for COVID-19?**

You should immediately contact your school's main office. Your school will ask that you keep your child home for at least 14 days. If your family member recovers from

COVID-19 (through meeting the criteria in the previous question) AND your child shows no COVID-19 symptoms for the 14-day period, your school may allow your child to return.

**Q: What happens if my child's teacher tests positive for COVID-19?**

Should any employee have COVID-19 symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19, we will follow the same protocols used for students (see above). If your child's teacher becomes sick and is unable to work, your school will provide a substitute teacher.

**Q: What happens if another student in my child's class tests positive for COVID-19?**

Your school will make all parents aware that a student has tested positive for COVID-19. All students in the cohort will be monitored closely for COVID-19 symptoms. If more than one student tests positive for COVID-19, it is likely that the entire cohort will be isolated (sent home) for at least 14 days. Students will be allowed to complete work virtually while the cohort is away from school.

**Q: Could my child's school building be closed down due to COVID-19 this year?**

We will do our best to ensure a safe and healthy environment in the coming year. However, if numerous cases appear in a single school, resulting in the isolation of multiple classes/cohorts, we may need to close the school building and transition all students to virtual learning for a time. Parents will be updated regularly should that need arise.

**Q: What is the "magic number" of Covid cases for the school to be shut immediately?**

There is no "magic number" of Covid-19 cases for the school to shut down immediately. In each case of confirmed COVID-19 we will work with the local health department and IDPH to determine appropriate actions.

Please be aware that we will constantly be monitoring the current situation and will be evaluating what changes if any, need to be made on a regular basis.

We appreciate your patience and understanding.

If you have any additional questions,  
please contact the school office 630-257-6488.

Thank you and STAY HEALTHY ☺