



SAFE RETURN TO IN-SCHOOL INSTRUCTION PLAN

2021- 2022

July 15, 2021

Dear Navigator Families,

For the past sixteen months, we all have been through some unprecedented times. We want to commend our faculty, staff and students for responding and transitioning to the many challenges and changes we implemented in our 2020 - 2021 school year. Thank you, as parents, for continuing our collaborative educational partnership. We appreciate the confidence and trust you have placed in St. Francis Xavier School and its many programs.

The health and safety of our students and staff still remains our top priority. This has been, is now, and will continue to be our focus. As we continue to navigate our way through some unknowns, a ***new normal*** has evolved. As we move forward, we will continue to build our school culture and continue to grow in faith, academics, and service to all. As always, this **SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION PLAN** for the 2021 - 2022 is all **subject to change** as we will continue to follow the directives of the state and the Medina County Health Department.

1. MASKS

- a. The wearing of facial coverings (masks) for students, staff, and the public is voluntary, but is recommended for those who have elevated health risks or have not been vaccinated.
- b. When wearing a facial covering, cloth facial coverings should:
 - Fully cover the mouth, nose, and chin
 - Be held securely through either a tie, elastic, etc. to prevent slipping

2. PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- a. We will offer 3 - 6 ft distance in our classrooms.
- b. As of this communication, we are still working on following the protocols of our church. We will be attending Mass whether in church or virtually on Friday afternoon at 2 p.m.
- c. All students in grades K - 8 will return to the cafeteria sitting three per table.

3. SANITIZING

- a. We will continue to encourage our students to sanitize their hands throughout the day.
- b. We will also sanitize our students' desks or any other surfaces our students/staff are in contact with.

4. CONTACT TRACING

- a. We will continue to work with the Medina County Health Department, to confidentially provide information about people diagnosed with or exposed to COVID-19.
- b. Students, teachers, and staff with positive test results will isolate as directed by health authorities, and quarantine if so instructed. We will report positive cases to the health department as soon as we are informed. We will continue to notify families of close contacts as soon as possible after we are notified that someone in the school has tested positive.

5. FACE TO FACE INSTRUCTION

- a. With many unknowns, we will still offer short-term only remote learning for those students who are in need of quarantining from the COVID -19. Please be in contact with our school office if this is your situation.
- b. Our middle school will travel from class to class. Students may continue to use their book bags from class to class. Students will see their Math and Religion teachers for 40 minutes per day. The other academic classes will be block scheduling. All middle school students will see **all** of their academic teachers for a shorter period on Fridays. More information will be coming from our middle school teachers including a syllabus and a class schedule.
- c. Our students in grades 1 - 5 will also travel from classroom to classroom for specific academic classes. More information will come from each grade level teacher at our Curriculum Night on Wednesday, Aug. 25th.

6. VOLUNTEERS

- a. We will be needing volunteers on a regular basis during our lunch and recess times.
 - Our lunch times are from 11:45 a.m.- 12:50 p.m.
 - Our recess times are from 12:05 - 1:15 p.m.
 - More information will be shared on how you can volunteer with our program on a regular basis.
- b. Although we will be inviting our volunteers back into our building, we will limit the number in a particular space. Further discussion will be determined on all classroom parties. We will continue to suspend all birthday treats.

- c. We will welcome back our PTA Teacher Lunches for our school staff each month.

7. TRANSPORTATION | ARRIVALS AND DISMISSALS

- a. While we hope many of our students return to district school buses, we will open our doors to our **K-8 car riders at 8:30 a.m. and our morning preschool at 8:35 a.m.** Please continue to use both drop-off and pick-up lines in front of the school and in front of the gymnasium. If possible, we appreciate all children sitting on the same side of the car when they exit the vehicle. All parents/guardians are to stay in their cars at all times. For our younger students, our staff will take your child out of the car. For our older students, they can get out on their own in the drop off line.
- b. Dismissal will remain the same as last year. All car rider students will be dismissed by the rock by our gymnasium. Afternoon preschool will dismiss at 3 p.m. Our kindergartners and first grade car riders will dismiss at 3:05 p.m. Second and third grader car riders will dismiss at 3:10 p.m. All car riders in grades 4 and up will dismiss at 3:15 p.m. We ask all parents to leave the campus promptly once they have their child(ren) to allow all other car riders to pull in and park.

8. TEMPERATURE TAKING | REPORTING CHILD ILL

- a. We will no longer be taking temperatures at the entrance of your child's classroom.
- b. If your child is not well, please keep them home and call our school attendance line at 330 - 725 - 3345 option #1 prior to the start of our school day. PLEASE STATE THE REASON KEEPING YOUR CHILD HOME.

9. MUSIC and BAND PROGRAMS | SPECIAL CLASSES and MORE

- a. All our students in grades K - 8 will attend general music in Mrs. Hastings new classroom - Room 126.
- b. Our band program will return under the direction of Mrs. Shannon Fehrenbach for students in grades 5 - 8. We will have 2 beginner bands in grades 5 and 6. More information will come from Mrs. Fehrenbach.
- c. Our students in grades K - 5 will visit our school library under the direction of Mrs. Erin Becker. Students will continue to take books out and return on the due date.
- d. The rotation special schedule will continue for the school year. Your child's teacher will communicate with you how the program will work at their new grade level.
- e. Our launch lab program will continue under the direction of the classroom teacher and in the case of middle school their academic teacher. Our

program will be used throughout the school year focusing on STREAM - Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, and Math.

- f. Most after school activities will resume. Stay tuned for more directions under the supervision of the teacher moderator.

10. SCHOOL UNIFORMS

- a. Our school uniforms will remain the same with the exception of allowing students to wear tennis shoes with their uniform. Low ride tennis shoes worn are to be white, gray, navy or black. (Small stripes or logos will be acceptable) **NO HIGH TOPS or BRIGHT COLORED shoes or shoelaces are permitted.** Please remember all socks need to be above the ankle.
- b. Our students will continue to wear their gym uniforms on their gym days only. We adopted a new GOLD t-shirt with our new school logo for all students in grades K - 8. These shirts may be purchased at Schoolbelles and will be phased in throughout the next few years. Students may continue to wear the gym shirts from last year. We ask that during the months of November - March, our students wear solid navy or gray sweatpants. Low ride tennis shoes worn are to be white, gray, navy or black. (Small stripes or logos will be acceptable) **NO HIGH TOPS or BRIGHT COLORED shoes or shoelaces are permitted.** Please remember all socks need to be above the ankle.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and partnership as we have navigated the COVID pandemic. We are looking forward to providing our students and staff with much more normalcy in the coming school year.

God Bless,

Mrs. Danene Beal | Principal