



Trinity Catholic School

116 N. Main St., P.O. Box 246
Protivin, IA 52163
Ph. 563-569-8556 or Fax 563-569-8477



...forming Faith, Family, and Futures
*So be strong and courageous,
all you who put your hope in the Lord.
Psalm 31:24*

July 31, 2020

Dear Families,

We are very excited here at Trinity Catholic School for our return to school, here at the school, on Monday August 24! We've been away for too long. Please read our plan for how we plan to proceed with the 20-21 school year. We will communicate with everyone immediately via email or IRIS whether our delivery for instruction needs to be adjusted.

Three Delivery Models of Instruction

On-Site Learning – Learning will occur at the school. We will plan on starting the year with this model on August 24. Regular school hours and attendance is expected for all students.

Hybrid Learning – This model indicates services are offered both remotely (at home) and on-site. This may be used to address specific health issues, or a lack of readiness to return to the on-site model.

Virtual Learning – If we return to 'At Home Learning', school work will be required by the school. We would go to this model if mandated by the state, or our local district (Turkey Valley), or if COVID is detected here in our building.

Living Our Mission

We are committed to providing a quality Catholic education, regardless of the mode of instructional delivery being used. Catholic beliefs, traditions, and teachings are deeply embedded in daily instruction. TCS Staff are prepared to continue this for the next school year.

Daily Health and Safety Precautions

We recognize it is not possible to eliminate ALL COVID risks here at the school. We will do our best daily to keep staff and students safe, while still focusing on learning. If you do not agree with all the decisions mentioned below, we ask you to still support these decisions around your children. We will monitor all of these precautions on a regular basis, to see if this is what is best for the health, and learning, of our children.

Screening

- All students will have their temperatures checked immediately upon arrival to school. Any student with a temperature above 100.3 degrees will need to be isolated, and will need to go home as soon as possible.

Face Coverings

- All staff are required to wear a mask/shield and students are required to wear a mask throughout the day. This includes during their bus ride to and from school each day. There are times where this may not be practical i.e: recess, PE, lunch but will implement this whenever possible.
- It is recommended to purchase these for your children as soon as possible, and have your children practice wearing these at home, prior to school starting.

- Masks are recommended for your children, not shields. These need to be purchased, and cleaned, by each family. We recommend two per child, one for the classroom and the other for recess.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- Teachers will be asked to clean each student desktop on a daily basis in their room. This would include commonly used areas ie: table tops, door knobs, student working areas.

* Additional hand sanitizing stations will be placed at each door entrance, and in each classroom for student use.

Lunchroom

- Only staff will serve the meals. This will include them wearing masks and gloves. There will be no “seconds” for students. After meal cleaning will be done by Bonnie, or other adults only.
- Grade 5/6 students will be asked to eat their lunch in the classroom located by the school office. The other students will eat with their classmates in the lunchroom, that allows talking, but keeping social distancing in mind.

Social Distancing (how will this work with elementary age children (:

- We will do our best with this, especially during classroom time.

Water Bottles

- All students should have their own water bottle. The only water available will be from the water filling station, not from the regular water fountain.

Illness

- For the protection of all staff and students during a regular school day, staff will monitor all students (and staff) on a regular basis. Staff will watch for the following symptoms of concern:
 - Temperature above 100.3
 - Persistent cough
 - Difficulty breathing
 - And any other COVID-19 signs

We do need to be vigilant in sending these students home. Our desire is to keep Trinity open throughout the school year.

Contingency Plan

- If the need arises for you to have to come and get your child, please plan ahead for who would be available to come and get your child as soon as possible.

***** Please keep your child home if they do not feel well. Error on the side of keeping them home. In the past, I would not have said this. As a staff, we need to do the same. Let the office know if there are any positive cases in your home.

Our school team continues to receive information almost daily from the Iowa Department of Education, Iowa Department of Public Health, CDC, Archdiocese of Dubuque Office of Catholic Schools, and the Howard County Health Department. Please know that plans and guidance may change as more information is received. Our local return-to-learn committee will continue to review this information in order to welcome your child back to Trinity Catholic School to continue their spiritual, social, emotional, and intellectual growth as safely as possible. Thank you for entrusting us with your most precious gift.

Mr. Brown, Principal
TCS Board of Education