

**Mother of Sorrows School**  
**SAFEGUARDS FOR REOPENING**  
**2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

**UPDATED December 11, 2020**

**\*All MOSS families will need to sign a waiver to return to school.**

**TRANSPORTATION:** Transitional K-8<sup>th</sup> grade parents are encouraged to drive their children to and from school. Bus transportation is dependent on your school district and may change throughout the year. **On Wednesday, August 12, 2020, all school districts were informed that they are not obligated to transport students in parochial schools. Currently, our school districts have still indicated that they WILL transport MOSS students.**

**ARRIVAL:** Staggered arrival of Transitional K-8 grade car riders begins at 7:45 am until 8:10. Cars must enter/exit campus using the main entrance driveway from Old William Penn Highway.

**7:45-8:10** Car rider students use the following entrances: **SEE MAP-CAR RIDERS**

**Preschool Doors (E):** Grades Transitional K -Gr. 2/Preschool beginning at 8:50 am.

**Flagpole Doors (F):** Grades 3-4 and families with multiple children in Grades 3-8.

**Outdoor Classroom Doors (C):** Grades 5-6 and 7 (103)

**Middle School Doors (D):** Gr. 7(117) and Families (multiples)- Grades 5-8

**School Main Entrance (G):** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**8:11-8:30** Car riders must enter through the school main entrance **(G)** because buses begin arriving on campus at 8:10.

Bus rider arrival procedures remain the same.

**Preschool arrival** begins at 8:50 am. Drop off at preschool doors.

**DISMISSAL:** **The Transitional K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade car rider pick-up** will take place in the 2 parking lots below the church. Please try to be parked in the lot by 2:50 pm. Students will be brought down by homeroom teachers to the lot. Once parked, parents/guardians should walk to the bottom of the stairs of their assigned lot using social distancing, and pickup their child in person, walk to the car, and wait to be directed out of the lot. Families with more than one child will park in the lowest lot **(A)** Families with one child will park in the lot **(B)** outside the social hall. **SEE CAMPUS MAP-CAR RIDERS** Bus rider dismissal procedures are the same as previous years.

**FACE COVERING:** **All staff/students/volunteers/visitors** are required to wear a face covering at arrival. **Students must always wear a face covering in school at all times, including dismissal.** Trifold desk shields will be in use in every classroom for additional protection. If the Governor of PA lifts the mandate, changes will be made.

**TEMPERATURE CHECKS:** **Staff/Volunteers/Visitors/Students**-A daily checklist will be provided and is to be used by every family each morning before leaving the home. **All staff/volunteers/visitors/students** will have a temperature check by a MOSS faculty/staff member before entering the building each day.

**MASS:** **Mass** will be streamed live for all students K-8 into the classroom each Thursday. Grades of students will take turns attending mass in-person at least once a month. Holy Communion will be brought to the classroom.

**CLASSROOMS:** **All students** will stay in the same classroom for all classes except:

- \*Physical Education (alternate use of gym)  
Students will not change for gym class.  
Contact is limited.  
Any gym equipment will be sanitized after use.
- \*Individual Instrument Lessons
- \*Learning support-Reading/Math/Speech/Guidance

**All rooms** will have fresh air flow.

**Teachers** will rotate into classrooms to deliver instruction.

**Student desks** are facing the same direction and are separated to the maximum distance feasible. Social distancing guidelines will be followed.

**RESTROOMS:** All grades will have designated restrooms for use. All students will use hand-sanitizer before entering the restroom.

**Hygiene Practices-** All classrooms are equipped with touchless hand sanitizer units.  
Grades Preschool-1<sup>st</sup> grade have sinks in classrooms for frequent hand washing.  
Grades 2-8 will have many opportunities for frequent handwashing.

**LUNCH:** **All students** will remain in their homeroom for lunch. Student lunches/drinks will be delivered to the classroom by parent volunteers. A staff member will be on duty during each lunch period to assist adults as needed.

**Water bottle filling stations** are available on each level. All staff/students/volunteers/visitors must provide their own labeled water bottle.

**RECESS/WALKS:** **Students will take walks** around the grounds several times a day. All students will have recess sometime during the day. All homerooms have their own playground equipment.

**TECHNOLOGY:** All students will receive their own technology device.  
Some students will be distance learning through Schoology while in-person instruction is being delivered in the classroom. Students should take technology home daily in case he/she needs to switch to distance learning. **See Distance Learning Plan for details clarifying faculty/family/student expectations.**

**Preschool students will use Zoom and See Saw learning platform only if all students are required to do distance learning.**

**\*See Distance Learning specifics at the end of this document.**

## **SCHOOL**

**CLEANING:** A professional cleaning company has been contracted to clean and disinfect the school every day. UVC lights will be used daily throughout the building as an additional disinfection method. A day-porter has been employed from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM to clean high touch surfaces during the school day.

**TRAVEL:** Students who travel outside the state of Pennsylvania must quarantine from school for 14 days upon returning home. Parents must contact Mrs. Szmed with travel plans so that your child can be listed as a virtual learner for the time of the quarantine. A negative COVID test does not prevent the quarantine. If you have guests who are traveling from out of state, a 14-day quarantine is not required but is recommended.

**SPORTS:** Sports will take place following CDC Considerations for Youth Sports. Parents must sign a waiver for student to participate.  
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Extracurricular activities can occur virtually.

**BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL:** Parents need to be aware that student population is mixed.

**DISTANCE LEARNING:** Since any families may have to transition to distance learning at any time. Parents must sign the **Distance Learning Plan** for each child.

All K-8 families can choose in-person instruction or distance learning for their child(ren) for the 2020-2021 school year. Training has been established for students who will be beginning the school year using distance learning will occur the week before school begins

**In-Person Instruction:** Students return to the school building for all 5 days of instruction. If a student becomes ill or cannot come to school because of COVID exposure, the student can then do distance learning during that time. The student can return to school when they are able.

**Distance Learning:** Students receive their instruction through Schoology learning platform virtually from home. The instruction will happen synchronous with the in-person classroom instruction being delivered in the classroom. Distance Learning students will have breaks when the in-person students have breaks.

**Distance Learning/In-Person Instruction** students can transition to either learning model at any time, but students cannot fluctuate back and forth. For example, some parents may not want their child(ren) to return to in-person instruction when the school year begins, so parents may choose distance learning for their child to begin the school year, then if/when the parent feels the child(ren) is ready to return to in-person instruction, the child(ren) then begins to attend the in-person instruction. Additionally, some parents may begin the school year by sending their child for in-person instruction, but for several reasons, wants their child(ren) to then transition to distance learning instruction for an extended period.

**Communication with Mrs. Szmed throughout this process is very important.**