



2020-2021 School Year

Reopening St. Bernard Catholic School

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a campus within the
GRACE Catholic School System

St. Bernard Catholic School is rooted in the life and works of Jesus Christ and our patron saint, providing a peaceful, prayerful community while inspiring each student to become a lifelong learner.

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I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

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Academics

The general philosophy this school year will be to keep students limited to interactions with their homeroom classmates with as little intermixing school-wide as possible.

Middle School: Students will stay in their homeroom class while teachers will travel to the students.

Intermediate: All 3rd, 4th, and 5th-grade classrooms will be self-contained. If and when teachers swap subjects, teachers will move classrooms, not the students. The two multi-age rooms will become straight age due to the logistics of the curriculum as well as the teachers' specialized training needs.

Primary: The two multi-age rooms will remain however, teachers will become self-contained and not swap courses.

Preschool: Adjustments will be made to keep the play-based approach while maintaining social distancing and sterilization of materials and supplies.

Classroom Spacing and Setup

Each room will vary depending on class size and grade level.

Some Changes Being Made Schoolwide (K-8):

- Limited to No Flexible Seating
- More Individual Desks
- Tables with Dividers and Privacy Panels
- Clear Privacy Panels for Desks (surrounding $\frac{3}{4}$ of the desk space)
- Exterior Storage (POD) for Extra, Non-Essential Classroom Furniture
- Collaborative Work may be Allowed with Masks and Privacy Panels
- No Sharing of Supplies
- Approximately 4" Feet Square for Each Student

Privacy Panel



Realistic Spacing at SBS w/ Teaching Zone



Specials

Band/Choir will not be offered in the traditional sense for 5th-8th grade students in the 20/21 School year. Students may be able to take small group instrumental lessons on a pull-out basis. This is still in progress.

K-5th Music and Spanish will be held five times per week for one trimester each. Music and Spanish will be held in the homerooms.

K-5th Art will be held 4 times per week for one trimester, not all year. Students will travel to Art and the art curriculum will be modified to accommodate no sharing of supplies.

K-8th Gym will be held twice per week all year and will NOT change for class (eliminating the need for locker room use.) The locker room will be inaccessible for this school year. Lessons are being created to maximize outdoor activities, and limit close contact games/sports.

K-5th Library services will be brought to the students in their homeroom.

6th, 7th Grade Students will take one trimester of art, one trimester of music and one trimester of forensics. Gym and Spanish will be offered twice per week for the entire year.

8th Grade Students will take Gym and Spanish twice per week all year, along with Health for one semester and Computer Apps for one semester.

Intervention, Technology, Field Trips

Technology: Lessons will be created utilizing many of the same tools that students would use if they were to suddenly go back to online learning.

Field Trips: All field trips will be on hold for the first trimester at minimum, possibly longer.

Intervention: SBS plans to continue with reading and math intervention for students who are in need of these services. Plexiglass partitions will be used along with masks during instruction time.

Concerts: There will be no band and choir concerts this school year.

Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.' **Mark 10:27**

Faith



Mass: Students Kindergarten - 8th Grade will attend mass each week at 8:45 am on the following schedule, allowing for homerooms to social distance and keep church capacity to 150. Parishioner and parent attendance will be very limited and may require an RSVP.

Primary (Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd) - Wednesday (red shirt day)

Intermediate (3rd, 4th, and 5th) - Thursday (red shirt day)

Middle School (6th, 7th, and 8th)- Friday (red shirt day)

PK - We will evaluate the possibility of PK4 attending Mass in the Spring

Each homeroom will take turns rotating out of Mass once or twice per/trimester in order to keep numbers at 150 and below.

“Faith is unseen but felt, faith is strength when we feel we have none, faith is hope when all seems lost.” – Catherine Pulsifer

Restrooms, Drinking Water, Safety

St. Bernard School will use the GRACE Safety and Sanitation Guidelines as published on the GRACE website as a guide for safety and sanitation. St. Bernard School is working closely with GRACE and St. Bernard Parish to coordinate daily and weekly sanitation protocols, safe and healthy cleaning/hand sanitizing products, and day to day staffing needs for sanitation.

Access: Students will have ready individual access to tissues and hand sanitizer. Students will have frequent opportunities to wash their hands with soap and water.

Restroom: The restroom-use protocol will be adjusted to three students at a time. 5th-8th Grade students will use the restroom in the intermediate hallway while intermediate students will use the restrooms in the commons. A magnet system will be utilized to signal restroom availability.

Drinking Water: Students will be asked to bring refillable water bottles to school and will not have access to the drinking fountain other than to refill water bottles. No glass please, and metal must be covered with a coozie. Drinking fountains are being adjusted so that there is an easy way to refill water bottles and exclude access to the typical fountain stream for drinking.

Sanitation, Masks, Volunteers

Sanitation Stations: Sanitation stations will be at the entrance of every school entrance and every individual classroom.

Classroom Cleaner: [Benefect Decon 30](#) will be used in all classrooms on every surface multiple times throughout the day. There is a 30 second kill time on this product and a 10-minute dry time. It does not need to be wiped down. This is an organic (Thyme Oil) product and is safe should a student somehow get it in their mouth.

Masks: Students and adults will wear masks while on school property, (inside and outside) including preschool students. Teachers will have a teaching zone where they can instruct with a shield for the benefit of the students. Students will have a classroom protocol and location where they can take a breather from their mask if needed. This will depend on classroom size and number of students and may vary from room to room. Students and adults are welcome to add a face shield or safety goggles to the mask use as well.

Volunteers: Only **essential volunteers** will be able to join us on campus for the first trimester. This includes official lunchroom volunteers and recess support. Essential volunteers will be contacted by school via email.

Main Office, Sick Room, Routine Cleaning

Main Office: Visits to the main office will be much different with business being held at a walk-up window in the main hallway.

Sick Room: The main office will be inaccessible for walk-in business. A walk-up window will allow students, teachers and visitors to interact with office staff. This allows the office to be used for sick students and those leaving early. The office counter, waiting area and sick bed area will all have plexiglass barriers and standing walls installed. Prevea has done a walkthrough of these spaces and we will follow any recommendations that they have provided.

Six Feet Apart: The building will be labeled with "6-foot" distance signs on the floors throughout the hallways, lunchroom, and entrances.

Routine Cleaning: The building will be sanitized each morning before students enter. High touch areas will be sanitized mid-day. Classrooms will routinely sanitize desks, chairs, light switches, and other high-touch and high-use equipment such as computers and tablets. Each teacher will sanitize their room with [Benefect Decon 30](#) before leaving the classroom for the evening. The building will receive a deep sanitization from an outside company, one time per week.

Training

Training for Students, Staff, and Families:

Visual signs will be placed in high traffic areas for students and staff regarding handwashing and mask-wearing. Be Safe PBIS videos will be made by the teachers which will demonstrate proper handwashing. A Google Slides presentation that explains all of the procedures will be created and posted on our Facebook page as well as the school website.

Please be sure to visit the GRACE website for the following information (www.gracesystem.org):

Reopening of Schools 20-21

Safety and Sanitation

Sanitation Protocols for GRACE

Decision Tree Draft (*This will be more extensive from Health and Human*

Services prior to the start of school)

Mask Protocols

Virtual Learning

SBS Students will be utilizing programs and activities that will be able to smoothly transition into online classes should we go back to online learning later this school year. If an in-person student gets sick during the year and has to be home for an extended period, they will continue classes with their teacher just as they would in a normal school year with the teacher corresponding with parents to exchange assignments.

Specifics Regarding GVA can be found here:

https://gracesystem.org/reopening-grace-schools-2020-21/reopening_online-continuous-learning/

GRACE Virtual Academy (GVA) students who are SBS students will be able to make a transition back into the classroom at the trimester changes in the Fall and Spring only. SBS will make every effort to include all GVA SBS students in community building activities. On-Campus, SBS Grade level teachers will communicate with your family routinely to keep you in the loop of our daily school life, and parents will continue to be on the campus email and text messages.

Though our feelings come and go, God's love for us
does not – C.S. Lewis

Illness and Absenteeism Protocols

Morning Routine

Students will have their temperature taken BEFORE exiting the car/bus each morning. Please take your child's temperature at home to save your family the frustration of being sent home upon arrival to school. Students with a temperature of 100.4 F will be sent home. The Decision Tree will be utilized to determine if other siblings in the vehicle can stay at school that day or not. Please **do not give your children fever-reducing medication** prior to attending school as this puts the entire community at risk. This decision tree is being drafted to support the day to day decisions that will be made concerning student/staff attendance. The morning drop off has been reconfigured to include three entrances instead of one. A color-coded map of the drop off routine has been mailed to all families and will be accessible online.

Illness Protocols *(In Progress with DHHS, Department of Health and Human Services)*

The DRAFT **Decision Tree** (www.gracesystem.org)

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Drop Off and Pick Up Routines

Morning Drop-off will begin at **8:00 am** and the tardy bell will ring at 8:30 am. Students will be assigned a specific door to enter through and will go directly to their homeroom class. Please adjust your schedule so that your child/children are on time for school.

Red: 3rd-8th grade students without younger siblings

Purple: Bus Students and students with Preschool siblings

Blue: Preschool Students. Their older siblings will use the Purple Door

Green: Kindergarten-2nd Grade Students and their older siblings

Afternoon Pickup will be staggered to minimize student and parent interaction. The students will exit through the front parking lot if they are walking or being picked up. Bus students will exit the building through the back door.

11:30 am for ½ Day PK

3:20 pm PK

3:25 pm K-2nd

3:30 pm 3rd-5th

3:35 pm 6th-8th

Lunch/Recess

The St. Bernard School site is collaborating with GRACE Food Service and St. Bernard Parish to ensure that lunch is served safely for all children. Additional tables are being brought in from another campus. The serving line is being moved to allow for more seating. Plexiglass barriers will be placed on the tables. There will be only four people to a table. Lunch and recess times will be staggered by grade level ensuring limited mixing among other students while arriving at lunch and waiting in the lunch line. Restroom use will be limited to three students at a time. Preschool will continue to eat in their classroom.

Homeroom teachers will go to the lunchroom and recess with their classes, **limiting intermixing** with other homerooms. Students will be placed in zones with their homeroom class at recess. The homeroom classes will rotate through the zones each week. Students will stay in their homerooms all day. While students are eating they may remove their mask, they must put their mask on when they use the restroom or when they get up to clear their lunch area. Masks will be required during recess time.

Resources

Both GRACE and St. Bernard School have published an ongoing list of resources since March of 2020 to support families with up to date and timely information. Please look to these sites for additional information and resources related to COVID-19 and school operations.

<https://gracesystem.org/coronavirus/>

https://gracesystem.org/reopening-grace-schools-2020-21/reopening_resources/

<https://www.saintbernardgb.com/> (Resources Tab at Top of Webpage)

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even
as we hope in you. **Psalm 33:22**

Bus Services

The Green Bay Public School System Transportation Department is currently working remotely and can be contacted M-F 8 - 4:30. If you need to contact us, please email transportation@gbaps.org, or call us at 448-2130 and leave a voice message with your name and phone number. Please note: we are not taking payments at this time.

- Bus riders are required to wear masks
- Buses are being sanitized on high touch points between routes
- Sanitizer is available when boarding and departing bus

More information can be found online at:

https://www.gbaps.org/our_district/departments/transportation

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7

Athletics and Clubs

Families can get in touch with our Athletic Director, Mr. Jason Beyer at jbeyer@gracesystem.org or 920-468-5026 for more information on Fall Sports. We do not know at this time what will happen with the Fall Sports Season. If the season gets cancelled, families who have paid Fall registration fees can apply their payment to the next season, make a donation to the Athletic Club or have their fees reimbursed.

Vex Robotics, Art Club, and Destination Imagination will not meet this Fall of 20-21. Other clubs and groups will be evaluated as the school year progresses.

That your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God .1 **Corinthians 2:5**

Before and After School Care

Before and After School Care will continue as a service here at St. Bernard Catholic School. Families will be required to register ahead of time and will be unable to use the service on a "drop-in" basis. This will ensure that the number of students in the program each day is within the daily cap of 20.

More information about the program can be found on the school website at www.saintbernardgb.com under "Resources" and "Before and After School Care."

Please email sbsb4afterschool@gracesystem.org or Call 920-468-5026 for more information.

I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I have set
my heart on your laws. **Psalm 119:30**

Social, Emotional, and Spiritual Health

Many of the usual, fun activities at St. Bernard School will be reinvented to build community and foster relationship building.

- Classroom Visits from our Counselor Mrs. Montanye
- Bingo Games Between Homerooms Using Virtual Platforms
- Recorded Story Times with Reading Buddies
- Classroom visits from Mrs. Lani our Librarian
- PBIS Classroom Challenges for Whole Class Bonus Rewards
- Virtual visits from parents and community helpers
- Visits from our new Deacon, Mr. Art Gerstner, and our new Pastoral Associate, Deacon Bernie Terrien.
- and many more new and innovative activities!

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. **Hebrews 11:1**

FAQ's

Please go to this webpage for an extensive list of Q&A FAQs published from the GRACE team.

https://gracesystem.org/reopening-grace-schools-2020-21/reopen_questionanswer/

How will you run Preschool with the Play-based Approach?

Students will not share supplies, however, each student will have a plastic pencil box with their own supplies which they can take with them from center to center. Only toys that can be washed and disinfected will be utilized in centers. These will be run through the dishwasher in the school kitchen with each classroom sterilizing toys on separate days of the week.

Rubber Seat Markers will be placed on the floor so that the students can be spread out more during carpet time/large group time. These are easy to wipe down and move around. Classroom teachers in preschool have a separate handbook of day to day routines that will be in place to keep children healthy and clean throughout the entire day.

In-School Screenings for COVID-19

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has **recommended against in-school screenings for symptoms of COVID-19**, saying that they won't catch asymptomatic cases and might flag other illnesses, like the common cold. It recommends that schools "strongly encourage" parents and guardians to monitor their children "for signs of infectious illness every day."

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/reopening-schools-faqs.html>



Be Not Afraid, I Go Before You Always

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