

Saint Dominic Academy
Return To School Plan(s)
1st Semester September- December 2020

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Hybrid Model for In School/Remote Learning

- Temperature scans at door daily. Beginning at 7:30am until 8:30am.
- Anyone with temperature over 100.4 will be sent home. Fever free 48 hours before return.
- Lockers only visited in the mornings between 730-830am.
- Change in schedule so that school ends at approx. 130pm.
- No lunch will be served.
- 8th grade in session in building in Bubble Mode. They remain in one room- teachers come to them. Limits number of students in halls/limits student interaction.
- 9th/11th grade in session in building one week/remote one week.
- 9th grade in two sections in Bubble Mode. We have converted ELAN and our French Lab/Film Lab into larger classrooms. With the exception of Science Labs, the 9th grade teachers will come to the 9th graders, so as to limit the students' exposure to other students.
- 11th grade in sections; will transition from class to class following mask/social distance guidelines for hallways.
- 10th/12th grade in session in building one week/ remote one week.
- 10th/12th grade in sections; will transition from class to class following mask/social distance guidelines for hallways.
- Teachers in face shields/students spaced for social distance.
- Masks required when going to locker in morning, when in halls, when in bathrooms, and for leaving the building.
- Classrooms set for social distance guidelines, so students do not have to wear masks in the classrooms.
- Lunch will not be offered, however students will be able to bring a snack (allergy guidelines will be provided) to eat during their 5th period class.

Friday Classes:

- as of now, Friday classes will follow the same as above; with one cohort in school and one on remote learning.
- However, there may be instances where we will need a full remote learning day on a Friday.
- These instances may be, but are not limited to:

building mass cleaned
spike in numbers in Jersey City, Hudson County, or NJ.
more than a certain % of students absent on a given week (number TBD),
a student/ parent/teacher reporting that a family member with whom they've had contact has tested positive for virus.

Full Remote Option 1st Semester

- If the district, Governor, or any other official decision is made to close schools, a full remote option will be provided.

-In addition, this option is available to those parents who wish to use it during the first semester. Please reach out to Mrs. Farrales, Academic Dean to select this plan.

- Using Power School features, students will have attendance taken at start time daily - 830am. Classes will run full length, following a five day schedule cycle. (Days 1-5, then repeat).

- In the course of 5 day cycle, teachers will meet via Google Hangout with each class three days of the 5 day cycle for a full live class session.

- In the course of the 5 day cycle, teachers will have one on one hours for students needing extra assistance on 2 of the cycle days. Remote work that will be collected, will be done in class.

- Assessments will be given through use of Google Forms platform.

- Daily prayers, morning announcements, prayer services, assembles, will be done remotely via Google Hangout as full school and/or by grade level meetings.

MedQuest: Siena Hall

- For the 2020-2021 School year, the MedQuest program will utilize Siena Hall.

-The building will an expanded classroom; utilizing the space to fully social distance every component of the program (Reception,Vitals, et al)

- The MedQuest lab will be sanitized after each classroom use before the next class has lab.

-The schedule will flow so that there is a prep period between each class so enough time is taken to prepare lab.

- Due to Lab Requirements for this program, at this time, students who opt for a full remote learning platform cannot participate in our MedQuest program.

Dress Code: In School/Remote

- SDA polo shirt & SDA uniform summer skirt or navy blue or khaki pants when in school.
- SDA polo shirt and jeans or sweatpants when on remote learning.
- Students who purchase SDA warm up suit may wear it during school and remote school as alternate uniform option.

Guidelines/Precautions

- If a teacher or student tests positive for COVID-19, the school will work remotely for a 14 day period.
- All teachers will get tested for COVID-19 during that time period.
- Students/parents will be strongly encouraged to get tested during that time period as well.
- If JCPS School District modifies their guidelines to switch to all remote due to a spike in numbers or recommendation of the Governor, SDA will follow suit.
- The Administration will consider the implementation of full remote learning between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Depending on the numbers, and the number of states on the quarantine list for NJ, a decision will be made by All Saint's Day as to whether to have students in school for this time period or on full remote learning. This would be done in order to ensure the health and safety of the entire school community- in the event of travel during Thanksgiving, siblings returning from quarantine states, family members visiting from quarantine states, et al.
- Parents will be required to inform school of any travel undertaken from August onward.
- Students/parents who travel to an area deemed restricted by Government, will be asked to self isolate for the suggested 2 week period. They can engage in full remote learning during this time.
- For the 2020-2021 school year ONLY, the attendance policy for students will be relaxed. Parents, if your daughter is sick/under the weather at all, we ask that you please keep her home and call the Main Office that morning.

Building Area Closures:

From September 2020-January 2021 the following areas of the building will be closed/redesigned

- Hallways will be made one way; this will make for slightly longer transition from class to class.
- Senior Lounge- closed to all

- Chapel- closed to all
- Cafeteria- closed to all
- Dance Studio- closed to all
- Siena Hall- closed to all but MedQuest students
- 3rd floor offices- closed to all students; faculty must schedule meeting beforehand if needed.
- Media Center- closed to students- used as a classroom for social distant spacing
- Faculty Room- closed to all
- Cafeteria bathroom- closed to students so no student is on that level.
- ELAN- closed to students- used as bubble room for 9th grade
- French Lab/Film Lab- closed to students- used as bubble room for 9th grade
- Hyacinth- closed to students- used as bubble room for 8th grade.

Dates of Instruction Added

** due to inability to gather as a full school, hold retreats, events, et al from September-January, the following dates will now become full instructional dates on the hybrid/remote platform:*

September, 2020- Opening Liturgy (will now be prayer service during homeroom)

September, 2020- Senior Day of Reflection (will now be full instruction for Seniors)

October, 2020- PSAT Day/ Day Off for Seniors (will now be full instruction)

October, 2020- Walk A Thon (will now be full instruction)

October 2020- Junior Retreat/Ring Ceremony (will now be full instruction for 11th grade)

November 2020- Junior Ring Dance (will now be full instruction for 11th grade)

November 2020- All Saints Day Mass- (will now be prayer service during homeroom. The Holy Day falls on a Sunday)

November 2020- Thanksgiving Break Prayer Service (will now be during homeroom, followed by full day of instruction)

November 2020- Freshmen Retreat (will now be full day of instruction for 9th grade)

December 2020- Feast of Immaculate Conception (will stream mass for entire school during homeroom and into first period- followed by full instruction)

December 2020- Christmas Mass/ Faculty Luncheon (prayer service during homeroom, followed by full day of instruction)

December 2020- Senior Play/ Christmas Carols by Dominoes (choral performance via you tube during homeroom, followed by full day of instruction.)

Please note- no snow days would be taken in the event any are needed in November/December. We would put the school on remote instruction for the full day.