



St. Mary School

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August 13, 2021

Dear St. Mary School Families,

It continues to be the aim of our school, in accordance with the leadership of the Diocese of Gaylord, to care for the spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional, and social well-being of our students, teachers, and staff as we conduct in-person learning as much as possible with few restrictions as possible.

On June 22, 2021, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) lifted all remaining public health orders pertaining to COVID-19. Previous coronavirus requirements for schools and child care programs have now been replaced by [Aug 10 recommendations from MDHHS](#) for consideration by schools and their parents.

On July 8, I sent out an email stating the protocols that we intended to follow for the upcoming school year. This email is to reaffirm those protocols. As previously stated, we will always follow mandates; however, recommendations allow our own experience and local expertise to bear weight on final decisions.

- The first day of school is Tuesday, September 7, 2021.
- St. Mary School will be holding in-person instruction five days a week for all grades PreK-12.
- Face Masks will not be required at school/school events.
- Students will not be required to have a COVID-19 vaccination in order to attend school. The Diocese recognizes that vaccinations are the decision of the families.
- Our school will foster an environment of Christian charity and respect of others' decisions regarding vaccination status and use of masks.
- St. Mary School will continue to utilize CDC Guidance for cleaning, disinfection, and hand hygiene.
- Physical distancing (spacing of 3-6 ft) will be provided to the extent practical.
- Families are expected to monitor their children for symptoms of infectious illness every day before arrival at school. Students who are sick or display symptoms of infectious illness should not attend school and should seek medical care when necessary.
- Our school will continue to work with our local health department and report positive cases to families as directed.
- Student athletes will follow requirements set forth by MHSAA for participation. Currently, there are no COVID related restrictions for athletics.

- While the Diocese is not requiring masks at school events, the use of facial coverings is required by federal order on school buses and other forms of public transportation in the United States.

In His Service,

Megan Glynn

Celebrating the Gift of our Faith through Catholic Education.

Megan Glynn, Principal

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