

Marist Catholic High School Return to School Plan July 31, 2020

Marist Catholic High School is committed to providing students with a college prep curriculum that educates the whole student--body, mind, and soul. Our commitment to offer a rigorous curriculum rooted in the Catholic tradition is even stronger as we look to the 2020-2021 school year and the challenges our school systems face in the pandemic. We are committed to educating our students five school days a week as we reconvene in the fall.

We are excited to welcome the class of 2024 and the nearly 20 transfer students who will become a part of the Marist community. We are creating a hybrid model of instruction that we believe offers students a strong, supportive educational experience and a safe way for both students and staff to return to school.

As you are aware, Governor Brown, Oregon health authorities, and the Oregon Department of Education recently provided more guidelines for the reopening of school. The guidelines included numbers for cohorts and metrics that counties must meet in order for schools to reopen in the fall.

This communication is to give you a brief overview of some of the different areas of planning for the fall. There will be more detailed information coming throughout the month of August.

New Hybrid Learning Schedule:

Thanks to our well-established iPads for Learning Program and Schoology learning management system, Marist is already well-prepared to provide both in-person and remote learning for students.

The Archdiocesan Department of Catholic Schools, CDC and ODE recommend that employees, students, parents, guardians, and visitors are to practice maintaining the recommended six-foot distance from others and eliminating contact with others whenever possible. Physical distancing requirements will reduce the number of students who can be in a classroom at a time.

Given the new updates, we are in the process of reworking the hybrid learning schedule. The hybrid schedule will break students into two or three cohorts. The number of cohorts will be dependent upon and may continue to change and develop based on the guidance on cohort size and the metrics for counties in the coming weeks.

We will share more about the hybrid schedule on August 7th as there are multiple meetings happening next week that will aid in making these decisions.

Remote Learning Plan:

In the event that Marist must return to full online instruction, we will move to the Remote Learning Plan that was implemented in the spring. We are planning to make slight adjustments to the schedule that will make moving from a hybrid schedule to a remote schedule, if needed, smoother. These details will be included in the August 7th email. To see the Remote Learning Plan used last spring, click [HERE](#).

Academic Calendar:

The [school calendar](#) for the academic year is on our website. This calendar remains a DRAFT as we continue to prepare and navigate the many changes that may come. We do not anticipate starting school earlier. However, we are still planning the opening of year activities like Welcome Back Day and Freshmen and Transfer Student Orientations.

First Week of Class Schedule:

In August we will be working on finalizing details for the opening of the year and how we welcome everyone back. We will send more information home mid-August.

Class Schedules:

Schedules will be mailed home to all students who are full registered (tuition contact and registration fee returned) on August 7th. These schedules are a DRAFT and may change as we balance class sizes to meet physical distancing requirements.

Attendance:

Attendance will be required for all classes, whether on campus or online. Parents and guardians will be notified if students are not attending.

Lockers:

For health and safety reasons, students will not use hallway lockers for at least the first quarter of the year. Students are encouraged to only bring what they need for the day.

Lunch:

We encourage students to bring their own lunch and snacks each day. We are still working through the details of whether or not students will be able to purchase lunch and where students will be eating lunch: cafeteria/AC/gym/courtyard or in a classroom.

Grades and Credit:

Students will earn letter grades and have a full transcript of classes that reflect their work. We will not be utilizing a pass/fail system of grading. Students will be attending classes and doing classwork and we want to honor their work and set them up for the best situation for their futures.

Face Coverings/Masks:

For the health and safety of all students and staff, and following Governor Brown's mandate that masks be worn indoors, all students and staff will be required to wear a

mask/face covering or face shield at all times. Masks must fully cover the nose and mouth. Masks should not have distracting pictures or words on them and should be in line with the student dress code.

Everyone who enters the building will be required to wear a mask or face covering.

Athletics:

Summer workouts began in mid-June. We will continue to follow all OSAA updates and guidelines.

Temperature and Wellness Checks:

We will be building a short homeroom period into the start of the day. During homeroom teachers will do a temperature and wellness check for each student.

School Administration will return to campus August 3rd. We will be communicating on a more regular basis as we approach the start of the school year. A draft of our return to school plan will be complete and submitted to the Archdiocesan Department of Catholic Schools on August 15th.

Blessings,

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President