

**Marist Catholic High School
Return to School Plan
August 7, 2020**

Message from the Superintendent of Catholic Schools

Dear Catholic School Families,

Know that the Department of Catholic Schools is supporting all of our schools as we navigate these uncertain times. We are committed to living the mission of Catholic education while keeping students, faculty, and staff healthy and safe. We will be monitoring the situation closely. We have been and will remain in dialogue with the Oregon Department of Education (ODE), Oregon Health Authority, and the Oregon Federation of Independent Schools (OFIS). After prayer and consultation with the Archbishop and these entities, we will be following guidance set forth by the Oregon Health Authority and ODE. Our ultimate goal is to get students back in our buildings so that we can continue the good work of our mission in person. We will continue to dialogue with the ODE and the governor's office as we hear of other developments in school districts across the state and will update our communities as we receive more information.

Meanwhile, we appreciate your collaboration. We cannot continue our mission without a partnership with parents, grandparents, families, and our greater community. We continue to need your prayers and support.

Christ's Peace,

Jeannie Ray-Timoney, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Catholic Schools
Archdiocese of Portland, Oregon

We will continue to communicate with you on a weekly basis. In the coming weeks we will share:

Finalized Remote and Hybrid Learning Plans,
Return to School Plan which will also be submitted to the Department of Catholic Schools, Lane County Public Health and the Oregon Department Education,
Comprehensive Communicable Disease Management Plan.

We will also be creating a place on our website for easy access to school updates and COVID-19 resources and protocols.

Student Schedules

Student Schedules were mailed home today to all sophomores, juniors, and seniors who have completed the registration process by submitting the tuition contract and registration fee.

We will be mailing freshman schedules home to registered families next week. We are working through additional planning and balancing of freshman schedules. Balanced schedules will support our plans for how to help freshmen acclimate to Marist as well as connect them to each other as a class. The schedules will also include a course placement explanation. Thank you for your patience.

Timeline for Reopen Decision

On July 28 the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) issued the [Ready Schools, Safe Learners: Community COVID-19 Metrics](#). As of August 1, Lane County does not meet the metrics for reopen. Given metrics guidelines and that the first day of school is just over 4 weeks away, we are going to monitor the case rates for the next several weeks and will announce a decision about the start of the year the week of August 24. This announcement will share whether Marist will start school with a hybrid learning plan with students on campus in cohorts, or a remote learning plan with all students online.

New Hybrid Learning Schedule:

There are many layers to guidelines on how to safely cohort students. At the high school level, classes with mixed grade levels and extracurricular activities are additional layers that make planning a bit more complicated. We are waiting for clarification and guidance on several cohort related questions that are needed before we are able to share our plan.

The number of cohorts will be dependent upon the guidance we receive on how many students can be in a cohort and the metrics for counties in the coming weeks. The situation continues to change and develop on a daily basis and we appreciate your continued patience.

To help us with planning and balancing cohorts, please complete this short, 4 question survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/57W7HQ3>

Athletics:

On August 5 the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) adopted a [new calendar year](#) for high school sports. The start of the association year has been moved from August 17 to August 31.

The OSAA requires that all high school athletes have a pre-participation physical exam to participate in athletics at Marist Catholic HS. The updated OSAA physical form is linked below. Make sure to submit the form to the Athletic Director at the Marist HS office prior to your student's participation in fall, winter, or spring sports practices. The physical exam is valid for 2 years. The physical form for fall participation must be on file by August 31, 2020.

<http://www.osaa.org/docs/forms/PhysicalExamination-English2017.pdf>

<http://www.osaa.org/docs/forms/PhysicalExamination-Spanish2017.pdf>

If you have any questions, please contact Bart Pollard at bpollard@marisths.org or 541-686-2234.

We will be sending out another update next week.

Blessings,

Stacey Baker
Principal

David Welch
President