

Back-to-School

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

Dear Families,

Wow! What a year to embark on together. I must say, I feel beyond blessed to have this be my first year as a principal. Your commitment, passion for your children's well being, and your overall support toward reopening has been awe-inspiring. I know this is a year that is going to require a lot of flexibility and patience—not only from our families, but also from our students and staff. We will work to reflect on our practices while trying our hardest to maintain all we do well at Good Shepherd in these fluid times.

I truly believe that children are one of God's greatest gifts, and to have the opportunity to help form and guide young learner's minds, especially at a time with so much uncertainty, is an honor. The school day may look different, but our hope is that it doesn't feel different. We will work hard to provide creative outlets for your children and continue to help develop the whole child and live out our Good Shepherd mission.

I cannot thank you enough for entrusting your child to us. Please use the documents in this folder for reference regarding our reopening. Everyone should have received the extensive plan via email. If you would like a paper copy, we have them in the school office; just ask. We are looking forward to the start of the year and will continue to hold your family and our community in prayer.

Keep hope,

Stevi Evans



9.1.2020

first day of school



7:45AM-8:05AM

arrival time- school begins at 8:10



2:40 PM

Dismissal time, the car line will run from 2:40-3:00.



YES

*before/after care is open
7:00-7:45 before care
2:40-5:30 after care*



NO

SSYO has cancelled fall league.



HEALTH + SAFETY PLAN

Complete the Family Health Checklist daily. School will monitor in addition.



DISTANCE LEARNING

We will provide remote learning to families that need access to it during these times. Students will receive a device.



PRAYER

We believe in the power of prayer and will continue to strive to be like Christ. Mass is weekly on Thursday.



RESPECT & EMPATHY

All members of our community need to practice empathy, with other parents, other students, and school staff.



TEMPERATURE SCREENINGS

Students will get their temperatures screened inside their classrooms.



HAND WASHING

Students and staff will wash hands frequently, and sanitization stations are available in each room.



RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE

Staff will model respiratory etiquette and help students with mask wearing. We have updated to Merv13 filters and are adding air filtration systems in each classroom.



FREQUENT SANITATION

Teachers and maintenance staff will clean high touch surface areas. Bathrooms will be cleaned an additional time during the day.



CARING FOR ILLNESS

We will monitor children and any symptoms. We have updated our nursing area and will have volunteer nurse hours.

Some Good Shepherd Protocols



Desks will be spaced to maximize distance of students. Unnecessary furniture has been removed from rooms. Students will work in groups in their classroom at times.



Social distancing will be monitored and enforced in the hallways, transition spaces, and areas with multiple cohorts. Students will have signs to help with spacing and movement.



Masks must be worn upon entry into the school and throughout the day, with breaks available. Any visitor must wear a mask. The school has several to provide. Students can bring masks that are appropriate; please no political masks.



Drop off time is staggered from 7:45-8:10. K, 5, 6, enter Door 12. 1,2,3,4 enter Door 10. Pre-K enters Door 1. Pickup begins at 2:40. Staff will help direct students.



Lunches will be bagged and will be delivered to students for eating with their cohort. **NEW THIS YEAR:** A daily snack will be available for purchase.



Students will wash hands before and after recess. The playground and outdoor areas are divided to maximize play space.



Limiting the number of cohorts in an area will be required in Phase 1. Students will work with their classroom cohort. Teachers will find ways to have students connect with others in a non-contact way.



Students can bring a workout mat to use for outdoor spaces and to help for distancing. Water bottles must be brought daily. The school will have extra.

COMMUNICATION



We will communicate via our new school app (info coming), email, phone call, and can send text messages regarding updates. We will be transparent with families, while keeping student and family names confidential.

STAYING FLEXIBLE



We will monitor our PPRP and the surrounding areas to work to keep a safe school environment for students and staff. We will communicate if restrictions can be lifted or if we need to pivot to distance learning.

QUESTIONS



Contact the school office with any concerns or questions. The school office should be notified of daily absences. We will be in communication regarding updates for the coming year.

WEBSITE



Please use the COVID-19 tab on the website to access the full PPRP school plan and additional forms like: FAQ, highlights, videos, and more!

"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." — Joshua 1:9

Meet-the-Teacher Night

Thursday, August 27, join us for Meet-the-Teacher Night. You must come during your allotted time and please leave at the allotted time to respect everyone in our community. Cones will be up to show you where to park. This is a quick meet and greet. Teachers will send a video prior to this night sharing what they would like you to bring.

- Last name begins with A, B, C, R come from 4:00-4:30 p.m.
- Last name begins with D, E, F, G, H come from 4:35-5:05 p.m.
- Last name begins with J, K, M come from 5:10-5:40 p.m.
- Last name begins with N, P, T, L come from 5:45-6:15 p.m.
- Last name begins with O, S, V, W come from 6:20-6:50 p.m.

If you cannot attend, no worries. We will see you the first day of school!

Other news at Meet-the-Teacher Night:

<p>Used Uniform Sale</p> <p>Purchase uniforms for the coming year. There is a lot in stock.</p>	<p>Knights of Columbus</p> <p>The Knights will have a stand and collect school supplies to donate to Annunciation School. An email will be sent shortly detailing the items they are in most need of.</p>	<p>Common Hope</p> <p>Miss Hudinsky (Spanish teacher) will have a collection box for donations to continue to help sponsor Elida. Common Hope is not collecting supplies at this point.</p>	<p>Home & School</p> <p>Find the Home and School table and learn how to get involved.</p> <p>Men's Club</p> <p>The GS Men's Club will have an area to check out. Feel welcome to inquire more about the program!</p>
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Forms to Return to School on Meet-the-Teacher Night

- ✓ Pink & Blue forms (K-6) from Hopkins district.
- ✓ White Emergency form (K-6) - Double Sided
- ✓ Yellow form - PPRP & photo consents (PreK-6)
- ✓ Salmon form- Walking field trip slip (K-6)

More coming soon...

- Back to school night information
- Our school-wide app information
- Marathon kick-off & details
- Outdoor altar and play space
- Painting projects for the blacktop
- Social Justice committee development

