

SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Frequently Asked Questions for the Beginning of the 2021-22 Schoolyear

1. When is the first day of school?

The first day of school for all students is Wednesday, September 8th.

2. What time should my child arrive at school? What time will he or she be dismissed?

Please see the attached document with information regarding arrival and dismissal times and locations.

3. Will my child receive NYC Yellow School Bus transportation?

Yes. NYC yellow school bus transportation on **Monday, September 13th** for those students in kindergarten through grade six who qualify and have already contacted Mrs. Ryan.

4. Will there be early drop off?

The school will open no earlier than 7:30am. Students arriving by yellow bus will be permitted to enter should their bus arrive earlier.

Parents who need to drop students off at 7:30am may do so, but it is highly encouraged to follow the aforementioned arrival times to avoid congestion.

5. When is my child considered late?

Students in kindergarten through grade eight who arrive after 7:50am are considered late. Homeroom begins promptly at 7:50am.

6. Will my child need to wear a mask during the day?

Yes. According to the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Health, any person over the age of 2 (including all students, personnel, teachers, administrators, contractors, and visitors) must wear masks at all times indoors in school buildings, regardless of vaccination status.

7. What safety measures are in place in my child's classroom?

Each classroom is outfitted with a hand sanitizer station and a HEPA Filter. In addition, windows and classroom doors will remain open to ensure adequate ventilation.

8. Do families still have to complete a daily health questionnaire?

Yes, by using the FACTS Parent Portal. Additional details regarding this process will be forthcoming.

9. Will temperatures be taken?

No. Temperatures will only be taken if a child is sent to the nurse and not feeling well. Faculty, staff, and students will need to fill out the daily health screening before coming to school.

10. Where will my child keep his/her personal belongings?

Students will keep their personal belongings at their desk and the classroom closets.

11. How many students will be in my child's class?

This varies due to room size and enrollment. Each student will be provided with a seat and a desk at a strategic distance from other students. From kindergarten through grade 8, the average class size is

21 students. 3K for all is capped at 15 students per class, and PreK for All is capped at 18 students per class.

12. What will the uniform regulations be?

Students in kindergarten through grade eight are expected to be in full dress uniform (except for their gym days) for the 2021-2022 school year. Please note summer uniform can be worn up until Halloween.

13. Will the after-school program be available?

Yes. Our after-school program is expected to begin on Wednesday, September 8th.

14. Will students be going on field trips?

At this time all Field Trips are on hold until further notice.

15. What is the cleaning schedule and protocol for each school day?

Saint Mark Catholic Academy will comply with guidelines for daily maintenance, which includes classrooms, restrooms, and cafeteria.

16. Will my child receive Special Education Services?

Yes, all approved services will be provided in accordance with guidelines and protocols in place.

17. Will the children have recess?

Yes, the children will have outdoor recess, weather permitting. Students have the option to remove their masks when outside.

18. When will students find out who their teachers are?

The class a child is assigned is available on FACTS. The direction for accessing the family portal is attached.

19. If there is a diagnosis of COVID-19 in a building, what will happen?

We will contact the Office of the Superintendent of the Diocese of Brooklyn. At which time, the school administration will follow their procedures and guidelines.

20. What if a student feels ill during the school day?

Students will be seen by the school nurse who will decide on the next steps.

21. Will parents be permitted to attend any classroom events or activities?

At this time, we are limiting visitors and guests to the building. We hope that as the school year progresses, we will be allowed to welcome parents and families back into the school.