

2020-21 North American Martyrs School

COVID-19 Guidelines

THE NAM COVID-19 Task Force has put together the following guidelines with social distancing, face coverings, and sanitation practices to protect all North American Martyrs families. These practices will be in effect when the Lancaster County risk dial is at orange or yellow.

Arrival and Departure

Morning Arrival: Students arriving before 7:40 will be sent to Extended Care. Students arriving after that time will be able to enter the building through their Grade Level Entrance. Teachers on duty will monitor the outside areas to make sure students enter the building safely.

Entrances/Exits

**See map for Grade Door Assignments*

To alleviate congestion, avoid a staggered start time, and provide for more opportunity to distance, each grade will have a set door they use to enter and exit the building. Teachers and paras will be outside to monitor these areas to make sure students safely enter/exit the building. Masks must be worn as soon as the students enter the building.

Afternoon Dismissal

- 3:05 Bell: Final Prayer. Walkers will be dismissed as soon as prayer is over. 8th grade students will serve as crossing guards.
- 3:10 Bell: Extended Care will be dismissed.
- 3:15 Bell: Car riders will be dismissed. Students leave the school only through their Grade Level Door. There will be marked areas outside for each grade level to keep distanced.

Face Coverings

To slow the spread of COVID 19, each child is required to wear a face covering (K-8). An adequate supply of masks (3 or more) is advised to allow for washing each day. We recommend sending a spare mask each day in your child's backpack in case the original one gets soiled. Parents can contact the school office if they are having difficulty finding a mask. Students will be given breaks from wearing the mask during the day, along with multiple breaks outside when possible. Students can unmask outside. Lanyards will be worn by students (provided by the school) so the mask can be clipped to them during the appropriate times to unmask.

CDC guidelines for washing cloth masks

Masks can be included with your regular laundry.

Use regular laundry detergent and the warmest appropriate water setting for the cloth used to make the face covering.

Dry masks in the dryer at the highest setting until completely dry. For air drying, lay mask flat and allow to completely dry; laying mask in sunlight is recommended.

We encourage parents and children to practice wearing masks at home before school starts to help make this a positive experience for everyone. Masks can be any pattern; make them fun! Visitors (when allowed) in the school will wear masks.

Water Bottles

NAM will continue to allow water bottles in the classroom. Students are asked to bring a translucent water bottle each day that will be returned home at the end of the day to allow for adequate sanitization.

Water fountains have been wrapped and are out of service, however water bottle filling stations will remain in operation. Additionally classroom tap water will continue to be available.

Daily Mass

The classroom daily Mass schedule will be set based on only two grade levels in the church at a time during the start of the year. Additional Mass days for our students could change as the risk dial improves. The church will be sanitized after the students leave Mass. Parents can still attend daily Mass but, we ask you enter the church doors vs the school door. We ask that you not stay and greet your children after Mass as we try to make this manageable for everyone. Students will visit the church each day for prayer when Mass is not offered for their class. Student awards will not be given at Mass until further notice.

In-Person Learning/Distance Learning/Home Schooling

In-Person Learning is defined as parents choosing to send their child to school in-person. Students will be required to wear masks in the hallways and classroom with breaks for lunch, recess, PE, and outdoor classes.

Remote Learning for High Risk Families is available for families who **need (for health concerns)** to keep their children at home. They will follow the school curriculum and be supported by the teacher and school to keep learning from home. Additional information will be sent to those requesting this and a contract will be signed.

Quarantine Learning is being explored as an option for those who are not sick, but have been asked to quarantine. It will look a lot like the Remote Learning for our high risk families.

Remote Learning will happen if all students are asked to remain home. The school will use PSL (PowerSchool Learning) as the main platform. Teachers will send videos of lessons and textbooks will be used by students at home. Students will turn in work to the teacher to be graded as they would in 'In Person Learning'.

*The system of grading will look the same throughout the year regardless of learning modes.

PSL- PowerSchool Learning

This is a learning management system that will be used throughout the year. Each parent and student will have access to the website through an email address and password given at the beginning of the year. It will streamline learning if we have to go to remote learning for everyone and will alleviate additional emails to parents in the event of a closure. Parents and students will then have access to classroom newsletters and other information through this portal.

Specials and Classroom Movement

Grades K-8 will be self-contained until further guidance is given, at which time junior high may start to switch for classes. K-6 will stay self-contained. If a grade switches for classes, the teachers will switch classrooms instead of students to help keep students in their own classrooms.

- **Specials:** *Specials teacher rotations will be set for 3 week time periods for 35 minutes for each class. This will alleviate exposure to every student in the school by specials teachers in one week time. PE will be outside as often as possible. When indoors they will distance in the gym. Music classes will be in the music room, with time in-between to disinfect. Computer will be taught in the students' classrooms with ipads. The ipads will be cleaned after each use.*
- **Library:** Students will go to the library to check out books every 2-3 weeks on an adjusted schedule. Students will be able to check out more books at a time so they will have enough books to read between library trips. Returned books will be set aside for 3 days before they are re-shelved.

Recess

One grade will be at recess at a time. Example: 4A on the playground, 4B on the soccer field. Each homeroom will be given their own set of equipment to keep from the spread of germs.

Lunch

Students will eat in the lunchroom or outside to avoid germ spread in the classroom. While in yellow and orange risk dial, no student will serve their meal or pick up silverware. Due to these circumstances, we will be going back to one option of hot lunch. Students will be masked as they go through the line and while traveling back to the classroom, but will hook their mask on the lanyard during lunch. Additional tables have been purchased to allow for more spacing between students and dividers will be placed in the middle of the table. Visitors will not be allowed during lunch with the students.

Group Projects/Labs

Teachers will avoid group activities while the COVID dial is high. If needed, teachers will do more partner work versus group work. Social distancing will be enforced. Science labs can happen, but teachers will coordinate them in small groups with social distancing and disinfecting in mind. When the risk-dial is in orange, face shields (provided by the school for each student) will also be worn to give additional protection.

Students Lockers/Bins

Additional storage has been purchased to separate personal items.

Traffic Plans and Hallway Movement

Arrows will be put in the hallways to make sure traffic flows carefully and keep students socially distanced. Staggered start times of specials/lunch/recess will help alleviate the number of students in the hallway at a given time. Vinyl decals placed in the hallways will help students remember to stay socially distanced as they wait in the hallways for lunch and restroom breaks.

Sanitization

The NAM COVID-19 Task Force has put together guidelines for cleaning in the classrooms and playgrounds. In addition, continual hand washing and hand sanitizing will be encouraged during the day.

Temperature Check Guidelines; Attendance; Return to School Policies

Teachers will do random temperature checks during quiet times in the classroom. If a student's temperature is above 100.4 the child will be sent home. Not every fever is COVID, particularly among younger students. If there is not coughing, shortness of breath or other COVID symptoms the student can wait by the office for their parent.

There is a separate isolation room for students exhibiting more obvious COVID symptoms.

Protocol for students coming back to school: Viral and other illnesses – student should be 24 hours fever free without fever reducing medication.

COVID – Student needs to stay home 10 days after positive COVID test **and** without fever for one day with no fever reducing medication. Students tested for COVID will stay home until test results are available. If staff or student tests positive for COVID, guidelines from the Lancaster County Health Department will be followed. Parents are encouraged to have a contingency plan if their child is ill.

Extended Care

More information available soon!

COVID Communications

If there is additional information from the Health Department concerning COVID, it will be communicated from the school on Fridays. It is important to note that we do not follow LPS with regards to COVID. Communication regarding our school's plan will come from North American Martyrs.

Office Visitors

Visitors to North American Martyrs School will be asked to make an appointment. Items can be dropped off on a table in the school lobby. The intercom system will be used to determine the identity and needs of those entering the school.

Field trips

There will be no off-site field trips at this time. Teachers are putting together lists of virtual field trips that classrooms can use to supplement curriculum. They will be used by grade-levels according to topic and age-level.

School Pictures

A plan has been made to make this possible with distancing in various rooms throughout the school.

Conferences

It is the plan to provide conference options through zoom if we are still in the yellow or orange risk dial. More information on that to come.

Music Concerts

Concerts are postponed until further notice.

Book Fair

An online option is being reviewed at this time. More information to be released at a later date.

Band

5th grade band will start later in First Quarter when they get a chance to try instruments. Returning band students will be receiving details from the band instructor.

PTO Events

Our PTO committee is researching ideas for Martyrs Night Out. When we have athletic events, we will have concession stands, but they will consist of only pre-packaged food.

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**Thank you to the Task Force who spent hours researching and planning to help open our school safely and keep the staff and students' health the top priority.*