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COVID-19 Education Plan Summary

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Dear SCS Parents and Community Members,

Never before have we been so excited to get back to school! When we think about this, much of this desire comes from wanting some sense of normalcy when so many other parts of our lives do not feel normal. Additionally, God has created us as social human beings, and we truly miss each other!

The team that developed our COVID Education Plan is made up of our administrators and COVID 19 Task Force members which includes both parents and health care providers. The Board of Trustees reviewed and approved the plan on 7/20/20 with the understanding that it would be reviewed regularly and changed when necessary.

As the team researched and discussed various options for having students back to school, the SCS mission statement stayed at the center of this work: ***In partnership with the Christian community, Sheboygan Christian School uses a biblical perspective to integrate academic excellence with Christ centered learning, preparing students' hearts and minds for service in God's world.*** The work of the team focused on how to maximize the number of students in school for the maximum number of days in order to accomplish this mission.

With this in mind, the team developed a plan that would not only accomplish the mission but allow us to do this **every day**, reducing the risk of mandated closures (whether it be two days, two weeks, or two months). Recognizing that our teachers and staff are our very best tools to accomplish our mission, the plan also addresses how to best protect them and keep them teaching face to face in our school.

As a school, we are praying and seeking God's wisdom and guidance so that SCS can stay unified, putting on the armor of God, so that nothing will drive a wedge in our community. In all of this, we serve an amazing and sovereign God who will see SCS through this, just as He has been faithful through many other challenges since SCS's beginning in 1898. Our school verse this year is Colossians 4:12-14 which reads,

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

As we have the joy of coming back together in person, let's live this verse out as a community! SCS loves its students, its staff, its community members, and with this love we can be bound together in unity to tackle the year ahead and make it an amazing school year.

SCS 2020-21 EDUCATION PLAN SUMMARY

Our top two guiding principles are focused around **LEARNING and SAFETY - specifically, how can we provide a strong, high-quality, Christian learning environment that ensures the safety of all students and staff? How can we keep school open to maintain our mission?*

**This information is a summary of our plans. All plans are subject to change based on state and our local health department and governmental mandates.*

**For a more detailed description about education plans, recesses, lunches, etc., please refer to our [SCS COVID - Frequently Asked Questions](#).*

How are we making our decisions?

- The SCS leadership team, Covid Task Force, and Board of Trustees continually monitor information from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Wisconsin Department of Health Services (WDHS), Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the Sheboygan County Division of Public Health (SCDPH). This is a dynamic pandemic, and we will be reevaluating and possibly adjusting this plan on a regular basis.



What does the current plan for SCS look like for Fall 2020?

- All students will be in school all day, every day (Monday - Friday) starting on August 24, 2020 (August 31 for 3K).
 - **Why?** - *For that hope to become reality, it is critical that we support our typical school activities with appropriately balanced health precautions that promote the physical, intellectual, spiritual, and social-emotional well-being of our students, families, and employees.*
 - Elementary/Middle school plan
 - Attention will be placed on the ability to keep grade levels separate from each other, keeping student-to-student exposure limited to within a specific grade level.
 - **Why?** - *This policy is designed to mitigate, not eliminate, risks to students.*
 - *To prevent profound absenteeism and all-school closures*
 - High school plan
 - Students will have staggered classroom release times to limit the amount of exposure to each other in the hallways and common areas.
 - **Why?** - *This policy is designed to mitigate, not eliminate, risks to students.*
 - *To prevent profound absenteeism and all-school closure.*



Will students be required to wear face coverings?

- Students 5 years of age and older are required to wear face coverings throughout the day.
 - The state mandate for face coverings allows for certain exemptions, and parents can complete this [form](#) if their child meets one of those exemptions.
 - Teachers will be utilizing a number of different opportunities for students to take breaks by bringing students outside at various times throughout the day for class, as well as during lunch and other snack times.
 - Once the state mandate expires, SCS's plan will be the following:
 - 3K-5th grade students will not be required to wear face coverings during the school day unless deemed necessary by the teacher (i.e. small group with close proximity).
 - **Why?** - Available evidence indicates that young children are less likely to spread serious infection to each other. Also, young children have difficulty complying with proper face covering protocols which increases their risk of transmission.
 - 6th-12th grade school students will not be required to wear face coverings during classroom instruction time unless deemed necessary by the teacher (i.e. small group with close proximity).
 - **Why?** - Students will be practicing reasonable physical distancing in the classrooms.
 - 6th-12th grade school students will be required to wear face coverings only when physical distancing isn't possible (indoor break time, some small group work, and during passing periods). We anticipate this not to exceed 45 minutes per school day.
 - **Why?** - Hallways and common areas don't allow for the type of physical distancing that the classroom provides
- In summary, this policy is designed to mitigate, not eliminate, risks to students and help prevent school closures.



Will SCS be offering chapels, events, and/or athletics?

- Yes - SCS is planning on providing opportunities for students to worship together. The students might not be able to gather together in large groups, such as our quarterly all-school chapels or our twice-weekly high school chapels, but we will still provide chapel opportunities in smaller groups (i.e. at the classroom level - or remotely via live-streaming).
- We anticipate offering performances (plays, concerts) in some form. However, we will determine details of the performance (i.e., audience size) closer to the individual events.
- The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) guidelines for 2020-21 state that fall sports practices can begin on September 7 with competitive games starting no earlier than September 15. The WIAA will be in constant communication with schools about any future adjustments to the current plan.



Will remote-learning be a part of the school year?

- SCS will be having all-day, every day, in-person school unless state mandates or our local health department does not allow this option. If you would like to explore a remote-learning option for your family's circumstances, please contact the school.
- If SCS or a specific classroom is required to close or quarantine for a period of time, our teachers will be prepared to transition to remote learning, and it will include more one-to-one and class level interaction via video conferencing.