

Dear Parents and Guardians,

7/16/20

I write today with updates on our school opening plans :)

I begin by thanking all who have completed the short survey sent to you on July 1st. If you have not completed this survey please do to ensure we have the correct plans for each classroom. <https://forms.gle/5bRsJZjh5qADpWCy7> As of today's data, 91% of our students will be in-person learning.

Distance/virtual learning plans are being created and will be shared soon. The days will be more structured with time spent online with live teaching through streaming. All subjects taught in a regular school day will be required and school schedules will be followed. Families who choose distance learning may return to school whenever they feel comfortable.

This Sunday, July 19th, from 10:00-2:00, we will hold our yearly uniform sale. The sale will take place from 10:00-2:00 in the O'Reilly Building (this is the building right next to the church). With the gym being used as the church and new flooring being installed on the first floor, the location has changed. There will be signs to guide you :)

If you are selling your used Risse uniform, please use the tags Mrs. Cayce has sent out. You do not need to stay for the sale but all items must be picked up by 2:00 pm on Sunday. Used Parker uniforms will not be sold. If you have any questions about the uniform sale, please contact me at [dcayce@stmarys-temple.org](mailto:dcayce@stmarys-temple.org)

If you are not comfortable with coming to the sale, rest assured the Risse website is up to date with our uniform needs, <http://www.rissebrothers.com/>, and their customer service team are always available to answer any questions, 972-231-2903. You can also email Kyle Coffey Store Manager at [ktc.rbsu@gmail.com](mailto:ktc.rbsu@gmail.com).

Bus rider information was sent Tuesday, July 14th, to all families who have students riding the bus. If you did not receive this information, and need it, please contact Mrs. Cayce.

With the information we have received from our survey and guidelines from the State, Diocese and local ISD, our reopening Task Force have been busy planning for the safety of our school community and the continued learning of our students. We will continue working on protocols as more information is available and I will send out a more concise set of protocols at least one week before school begins. At this time the following is in effect:

1. School will begin on August 12th with free morning care being open in the cafeteria at 7:00 a.m.
2. Drop off, pick up and recess time will be adjusted for social distancing. These procedures are being created and will be shared soon.
3. Masks or face shields will be required by all persons, excluding our Pre-k and Kindergarten students, upon entrance into the building.

4. Social distancing will be adhered to in the classrooms to the best of our ability including desk placement and class activities.
5. Hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom and at the entrance of school.
6. Students will be asked to wash hands multiple times during the day such as; before entering the classroom, before snack, before lunch, after recess, before leaving for the day.
7. The School will be sanitized multiple times during the day with frequent disinfecting of surface areas.
8. Teacher/Students desks will be wiped down throughout the day
9. Custodians will frequently sanitize common surfaces, door knobs, water fountains, bathroom, light switches.
10. Water fountains will be closed, except to refill water bottles. Students should bring their own water bottles.
11. The students will eat in the cafeteria on a rotating basis to ensure we have plenty of space. Our hot lunch program will be restructured to enable lunches to be packaged for convenience and safety.
12. We will have a set protocol for students and teachers who become ill during the day and or should positive cases of COVID be identified in the school community. These are being finalized by Bell County Health District, TCCED and the Diocese.
13. Students in Middle School will have elective periods but will be kept to grade level cohorts. Elective choices will be sent by the beginning of August.
14. Back to School Night and Middle School Orientation will be virtual this year. Details of these will be sent before school begins.
15. We will have Falcon Care each day from 3:30-6:00. This will replace the Zone program through the City of Temple and has been created to better accommodate our families. More details for this will be published closer to the beginning of the school year.

Thank you for your continued support of our school. Together we will travel through this time successfully.

God bless you,  
Mrs. Wyles