



Questions from Webinar

Is it possible to have on campus retreats on maybe Saturday?

The staff at Lasalle Manor, who facilitate our Junior Retreat, is currently investigating options.

Will the senior class be re-registered to take the ACT that was cancelled in the spring? If so, when?

There is an in-school ACT exam scheduled for a day on October 6 during which our seniors will be able to take the exam they were supposed to have taken in the spring. The payment that was made last year will be applied to this test. Our ability to offer this exam is contingent on the state's or city's guidance regarding school operations at that time.

Will the senior class be having an ACT refresher course since theirs was cancelled?

We will be in contact with the teachers who provided the Saint Patrick ACT preparation program on Sundays and Academic Approach who provided the program on Tuesdays. Please be aware, though, that if these opportunities can be offered, they will more than likely be done so in a remote way. Those students who participate in the Academic Approach program will be expected to act the same way towards the Academic Approach faculty as they would to their Saint Patrick faculty.

Will all teachers be posting their assignments in the same manner on Google Classroom?

All faculty will be using Google Classroom as their primary point of information as to where to find homework, projects, and other assignments. As to the exact format (same manner), teachers will have discretion as to how they title their sections and information.

Will there be an expectation for teachers to teach content to the students, rather than just giving them assignments without instruction?

The plan will be the same for students in-person or remote; however, the delivery may look different. The goal is for the instruction to be synchronized, but asynchronous instruction may have to occur to adjust and adapt to fit needs of classes, students, etc.

Will there be a separate meeting for the Phoenix program? I'm concerned about the changes, transitions and overall scope of the year for these kids.

There will be an IEP meeting on August 6th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. [Register here](#)

Will there be "pods" and how will we be notified if someone in their class gets COVID-19?

While this is currently happening in many Catholic grammar schools, public elementary or middle schools, high schools have many different iterations of classes and levels which make creating pods a challenge. If a student, faculty, or staff member has a



confirmed case of COVID-19, contact tracing will be initiated and the school will send out an email as soon as that information is available.

Will masks be required to be worn while sitting in class?

Yes, masks are required by all faculty, staff, and students when in class.

What if a child travels out of the Chicagoland area as a result of a child custody order? Does that mean they should not attend school?

Yes, parents should reach out to Sergio Muro at smuro@stpatrick.org to discuss a plan for their student if he travels to an area that requires a 14-day quarantine period upon his return.

How will social distancing happen in hallways? Will students be allowed extra time to get to classrooms if cross traffic isn't allowed in hallways?

The hallways will have signage keeping all traffic to the right. In addition, each classroom will only have one entrance and exit door to prevent bunching in the doorways. The teachers will use discretion in tardiness, understanding that we are trying to keep social distance in the hallways.

Why are students in person every other day vs 2 days in a row one week and 3 days in a row the next?

Schedule A and Schedule B are rotating blocks of two-week increments. In one week, a student (one who may be in the Green Group) may have in-person learning two days and the next week, three days. For a student in the Gold Group, he would have in-person learning for three days the first week and two days during the second. For both students, there are a total of five days over the two weeks. The cycle will repeat itself every two weeks.

My son has been in Wisconsin all summer and returns on Aug 9th. Will he have to quarantine? If yes, how will orientation work?

If you have traveled to a state that is currently under travel restrictions for the city of Chicago, you must quarantine for 14 days upon your return. The student would then be asked to work remotely until they have completed the 14 days in quarantine. If this situation is applicable to your son, it is important that you contact your son's counselor immediately.

If at any point during the year a student has to quarantine will they be able to continue studies 100% remote for that time?

Yes, until they are symptom free, received a negative COVID test (if applicable) and completed the required 14-day quarantine period.



How will St Pat's determine which students are placed in the Green and Gold groups? How will Schedule A and Schedule B be utilized beyond the week of August 24th? Will it continue to rotate on a daily basis? Weekly basis?

Students will be assigned to the Green and Gold groups by alphabetical order. Schedule A and Schedule B will rotate on a two-week cycle, i.e. August 24 will be a B week, August 31 will be an A week, September 7 will be a B week, etc.

Will all course instructors be required to meet virtually with students when remote learning?

Our goal is to maximize synchronous learning to as great of an extent as possible so students who have a remote learning day will be able to participate in class at the same time with the same activities as those meeting in person. For days when asynchronous learning is taking place, teachers will have posted virtual office hours during which a student may contact him or her for assistance.

Can the boys utilize backpacks for their books, iPad, etc.?

We will follow the previous policy of keeping backpacks in lockers. Students can arrive at school with backpacks, but then must place their backpacks into their lockers for the rest of the school day.

What is the procedure if a student is remote on a day where he has an afterschool activity?

Each coach/sport will have their own specific procedures, but the athlete will go through temperature checks and a COVID questionnaire before being allowed to participate in that day's activity.

What protocols are in place to make sure the rest of the students and staff are safe?

Please refer to our "Return to School Plan" and the section regarding "Safety Measures and Precautions".

Will the class of 2021 have their graduation at Holy Name Cathedral?

That is our hope and plan. A date has been submitted to the cathedral; Saint Patrick is awaiting the decision from Holy Name Cathedral.

Can you share any information about clubs and (non-sports) afterschool activities at the school, such as Chess Club or Lasallian Youth?

We anticipate clubs and non-sport activities to still take place, but they will be virtual in nature.

Will siblings be kept together when groups are broken out into Green and Gold?

That is our plan at this point. If, however, there are siblings with different last names, please contact Mr. Perez as soon as possible so that they can be assigned to the same groups.



Are students allowed to leave the building after school and return when they are waiting for a sport or activity to begin practice?

Students are not allowed to leave the school at the end of the day if they are waiting for their sport to begin. This is to limit the risk of person-to-person contact.

Can students wear both a mask and a face shield?

They absolutely can, but only a mask is required at all times while in and around the building.

My son paid for ACT and has not taken it. Will there be an opportunity to take it or will a refund be given?

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I have two sons at Pat's. How do I log on for seeing their grades on the Portal? Do they both have the same account?

Families have one Portal account for their sons so their existing usernames and passwords will give them access to each son's information. The Portal system will not be open for the 2020-2021 year until the week of August 10.

Will the boys be able to take their lunch when they are to be in-person?

Yes, students may bring their lunch when they are in-person and will be allowed to get them from their lockers prior to going to the cafeteria for their assigned lunch period.

With the new schedule, does this mean every kid will be in school 3 times a week?

Schedule A and Schedule B are rotating blocks of two-week increments. In one week, a student (one who may be in the Green Group) may have in-person learning two days and the next week, three days. For a student in the Gold Group, he would have in-person learning for three days the first week and two days during the second. For both students, there are a total of five days over the two weeks. The cycle will repeat itself every two weeks.

Will backpacks be allowed during the school day since locker time will understandably be limited to the start and end of the school day?

Backpacks will not be allowed in the classrooms; they must be stored in the lockers.

How will the building be cleaned and disinfected? What and how are the ventilation being adjusted?

As noted in the plan and presentation, the building will be closed at 3 pm to begin a cleaning process. The school uses a cleaning company regularly that will focus their time and energy on cleaning surfaces around the building. In addition, the school is



partnering with an additional company that specializes in deep cleaning and disinfecting services. All air filters have been replaced and upgraded for the year. The nature of the schedule also allows for 50% less traffic in the building and assists in minimizing the amount of surface areas that need to be cleaned.

If I am keeping my son home because he is mildly ill (runny nose, 100.5, etc.), and typically well, should he log into remote learning until attending back in person on his scheduled day?

If a student is absent from school, he would do his best to log in remotely to the class and participate in the learning activities his teachers have assigned and scheduled for the day.

Will service requirements be in place for this year?

The service requirements will be in place for this year, but they will look different than what we currently know. For example, a service activity may be reaching out to senior care facilities with cards or video messages of greetings and encouragement. There could also be opportunities for other appropriately socially distanced activities such as food, clothing, or toy drives that will be service activities.

What is the first official day of school, the 18th or the 24th?

The first official day of school for freshmen is August 18. Depending on the group they are in, they will be either in-person or remote on August 18. They will then flip flop on the following day, August 19. All students will be either in-person or remote beginning on August 20. August 18-21 is deemed as Orientation Week and not just limited to a day or group as it has been done in the past. Orientation Week will provide students, faculty and staff an opportunity to get acclimated with new policies, procedures, instruction, etc. Students should be in dress code whether in-person or remote during their scheduled times for Orientation.

Beginning August 24, the students will alternate between Schedule A and B as outlined in the Return to School Plan.

Will Drivers Education be offered in the fall?

We are still discussing options for this program. Further information will be provided as soon as possible.