



WELCOME BACK PLAN

2020-2021 School Plan for Reopening

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

For the 2020-2021 School Year



We are planning to safely resume in-school learning this fall.

The health and safety of our Roncalli School family is of the utmost importance. That is why we are working with all applicable government agencies to develop safety protocols, with the goal of returning to face-to-face instruction, athletics, and co-curricular activities this fall.

Out of commitment to safety, we are:

- Updating operating procedures to align with best practices in health in medicine.
- Researching options to reduce the use of shared spaces and materials.
- Exploring various scheduling options and physical classroom arrangements.

We are staying true to our Catholic identity and maintaining a welcoming school environment.



We will uphold our standard of excellent.

We are committed to providing high-quality, Catholic education to all of our students. As we prepare for the 2020-2021 school year, we are dedicating significant resources to expanding our technology infrastructure and teacher preparedness in case a blended learning approach to learning is needed, blending both in-person and online instruction.

Out of commitment to student success, we are:

- Expanding our technology programming.
- Providing training for all of our teachers on innovative and effective approaches to online learning.
- Exploring digital learning tools that make learning engaging and student-friendly.

Should we need to move to any form of online learning during the school year, we will increase interactions between teachers and students by expanding the number of live synchronous lessons held.



We will provide financial assistance.

During this difficult time, we will explore all available funding options to ensure a Roncalli Catholic School education is affordable for your family.

Out of our commitment to our families:

- We will use all of our resources to partner with families who are struggling financially.
- We never want money to be the reason a child isn't able to receive a quality, Catholic education at Roncalli, and that has never been truer than right now.



We will communicate as transparently as possible.

As we all know, situations change rapidly in this environment. We also know families need time to plan and prepare.

Out of commitment to transparency, we will:

- Continue to do our best to make informed decisions and communicate them as quickly as possible.
- Make sure our Roncalli Catholic School families are informed and the first to know once decisions are made.

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GOALS TO REOPENING

- ◉ Keep students and staff physically safe by using appropriate infection-control and mitigation procedures.
- ◉ Care for the spiritual, social-emotional and mental health needs of students and staff.
- ◉ Spiritual growth and service does not stop! We will accompany students and families, faculty and staff, and parish members, planting the seeds of discipleship, growing fully alive human persons through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- ◉ Meet the needs of every student by considering the unique experiences of students.
- ◉ Research, listen, consult and pray for guidance.
- ◉ Remain flexible with our processes and procedures as necessitated by the changing public health environment.



RETURNING TO SCHOOL

- In-school learning will begin on Thursday, August 27.
- Students will attend five days a week with updated school schedules and health protocols in place.
- Schedule and health protocols currently include:
 - Maintaining student groups that remain together throughout the day as much as possible.
 - Hand washing/sanitizing on a regular and consistent basis.
 - Surface/object sanitizing.
 - We recommend that parents take student temperatures at home before they get to school. Students will not be allowed to attend school with a temperature of 100.4 or higher. Students need to stay home until they are 72 hours fever free without medication.
 - Only essential volunteers and visitors will be allowed in the school buildings, as determined by administration.
 - All staff, volunteers and visitors will be required to wear a mask.
 - Parents/guardians are asked to monitor their student's health. If students are showing any symptoms of illness they need to stay home.
 - Parents/guardians will be called promptly to pick up students who develop illness symptoms at school.
 - Students who have COVID-19 specific symptoms will be isolated.



CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

- ⦿ All students will follow daily hygiene procedures when entering classrooms, including washing their hands or using hand sanitizer regularly and consistently throughout the day.
- ⦿ Students will be placed in the same small groups as much as possible.
- ⦿ When students are working in small groups away from their desks and in close proximity to each other, masks will be worn.
- ⦿ At the 3K & 4K level we will encourage students to wear masks, but not require them.



Wearing a mask in our school buildings is a sign of compassion and Christian charity. When we wear a mask, we are letting people know that we care about ourselves and each other. When we wear a mask, we are letting our teachers and adults in our schools know how important it is that they stay healthy. By wearing masks, we are letting everyone know that we care about our school remaining open. We understand it will be necessary to be patient as students adapt to wearing face masks at certain times during the school day, especially at the elementary level. For now and in addition to physical distancing, this is the best recommendation from the medical community to minimize the transfer of COVID-19. In order for school to remain open, we all must work together to minimize the risk and transfer of COVID-19.





WEARING MASKS

- ⦿ Students in grades K-12 will be required to wear a mask.
- ⦿ A mask is defined as a face covering that covers both nose and mouth.
- ⦿ Masks have to be school appropriate. Final approval of the mask rests with the principal.
- ⦿ Students need to wear masks at all times.
 - On July 30, 2020 Governor Evers issued Emergency Order #1 on the requirement of masks in all enclosed spaces.
 - Exemption from mask wearing requires a doctor's note.
 - Masks are not required during the following: while eating, during physical exertion such as gym class and recess, as long as social distancing is maintained.



HYGIENE AND CLEANLINESS

- ⦿ All staff will be trained on how to properly clean classrooms and equipment.
- ⦿ Surface cleaning will occur periodically throughout the day using a virucidal solution.
- ⦿ Hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray and paper toweling will be available in each classroom. Students also may carry their own hand sanitizer.
- ⦿ A fog/mist cleaning system has been purchased for the school buildings and will be used to sanitize the schools at the end of each day.
- ⦿ Entry ways, restrooms, and common areas of each building have directions and guidance from the CDC on best health practices.
- ⦿ Outdoor playground and physical education equipment will be sanitized on a regular basis.
- ⦿ Students will be asked/reminded to:
 - Wash hands before and after using the bathroom.
 - Sanitize hands every time they enter a classroom.
 - Sanitize or wash hands before eating lunch, going to recess and returning from recess.



LUNCH EXPECTATIONS

Roncalli Catholic Schools will continue to offer their hot lunch program for the 2020-2021 School year.

Elementary (4K - Grade 4)

- ⦿ Adjusted lunch schedules will be communicated to ensure safety of the students.
- ⦿ Students will wash or sanitize hands before lunch.
- ⦿ Food will be served by lunch staff; students will not serve themselves.
- ⦿ Those serving will be wearing masks and gloves.
- ⦿ Students will still be able to bring cold lunches from home.

Middle School/High School (Grade 5 - 12)

- ⦿ Students will wash or sanitize hands before lunch.
- ⦿ We will expand the number of lunch periods.
- ⦿ Seating patterns will be developed to increase physical distancing.
- ⦿ Students will be physically distanced while waiting in line.
- ⦿ Food will be served by lunch staff; students will not serve themselves.
- ⦿ Students will still be able to bring cold lunches from home.



EXTENDED CARE

- ◉ We will continue to offer extended care using the guidelines and recommendations of the CDC.
- ◉ We also will continue our breakfast program using the established guidelines.



SUSPECTED ILLNESS/COVID-19 CASE

- ⦿ A separation area/room will be identified at each campus for suspected illnesses.
- ⦿ COVID-19 Symptoms are:
 - ⦿ Fever
 - ⦿ Cough
 - ⦿ Fatigue
 - ⦿ Muscle aches
 - ⦿ Vomiting
 - ⦿ Diarrhea
- ⦿ Symptoms will be assessed by school personnel. Parents will be notified when necessary.
- ⦿ Parents/guardians will need to contact their health care provider to determine next steps, which may include testing for COVID-19.
- ⦿ Students will need to be symptom free for 72 hours without the aid of a fever reducer or obtain a release from a medical professional.



VERIFIED COVID-19 CASE

- ⦿ Parents/guardians are required to notify their student's building principal immediately if their child tests positive for COVID-19.
- ⦿ Confidentiality of the students and staff will be maintained at all times.
- ⦿ In the event a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, the Manitowoc County Health Department will contact the school and begin contact tracing.
- ⦿ All students and staff in this situation may be quarantined for at least 14 days per the Manitowoc County Health Department.
- ⦿ It is possible through contact tracing that a whole group of students may be asked to quarantine.
- ⦿ A student or staff member who is diagnosed with COVID-19 must receive documented permission from a medical professional or the county health department to return to school.



BLENDED LEARNING

- ⦿ If the need arises based on specific issues or health concerns within the school, we reserve the right to move to a Blended Learning Model.
- ⦿ In this model, we would split our students into smaller groups. Students will attend two days a week.
 - Example:
 - Monday/Tuesday: Group A attend class; group B online learning
 - Thursday/Friday: Group B attends class; group A online learning
 - Wednesday: Teacher prep, student check-in
- ⦿ Traditional grading will be used during this time.
 - Grades 3K-2 will use standard-based grading.
 - Grades 3-12 will use A-F scale.
- ⦿ Teachers and schools will identify students needing extra support.
- ⦿ Technology platform for Blended Learning
 - Grades 3K & 4K - Age-appropriate lessons provided by instructors
 - Grades K-2 - Seesaw
 - Grades 3-12 - Google Classroom



VIRTUAL LEARNING

- ⦿ If the need arises based on specific issues or health concerns within the school, we reserve the right to move to a Virtual Learning Model.
- ⦿ Attendance will be taken during Virtual Learning.
- ⦿ We are working to expand our technology programming for students and staff.
- ⦿ Traditional grading will be used during this time.
 - Grades 3K & 4K will utilize a skill-based readiness assessment.
 - Grades K-2 will use standard-based grading.
 - Grades 3-12 will use A-F scale.
- ⦿ Technology platform for Virtual Learning
 - Grades 3K & 4K - Age-appropriate lessons provided by instructors
 - Grades K-2 - Seesaw
 - Grades 3-12 - Google Classroom
- ⦿ We will do four days of online learning with the understanding that the fifth day will be reserved for teacher preparation, group work, intervention and acceleration.



ONGOING EDUCATION

- ⦿ Learning opportunities will continue to be provided for teachers in best practices with virtual learning.
- ⦿ Parents will be offered opportunities to learn about our online platforms.

OUR COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS

- ⦿ If your child has a health concern and you would like them to still attend Roncalli Catholic Schools, please contact the building principal so we can work with your family.



CONTACT INFORMATION

- ⦿ If you have further questions, please feel free to contact your building principal.
 - President - John Stelzer - 920-682-8801
 - High School - Fran Peter - 920-682-8801
 - Middle School - Steve Thiele - 920-683-6884
 - Elementary School - Adrienne Lundy - 920-683-6892

- ⦿ For enrollment questions please contact:
 - Shannon Pritzl - 920-682-8801



RESOURCES

- ◎ CDC-Resources and Tools to Reopening:
<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/p0723-new-resources-tools-schools.html>
- ◎ American Academy of Pediatrics:
<https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-planning-considerations-return-to-in-person-education-in-schools/>
- ◎ CDC-Importance of Reopening America's Schools this Fall: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/reopening-schools.html>
- ◎ Children's Hospital of Wisconsin:
<https://www.facebook.com/childrenswi/videos/3181292948616328/>



RESOURCES

- ◉ Emergency Order #1:
<https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/Em001-FaceCoverings.pdf>
- ◉ DPI-School Health Services Interim COVID-19 Infection Control and Mitigation Toolkit:
https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/sspw/pdf/School_Health_Services_Interim_COVID-19_Infection_Control_and_Mitigation_Toolkit.pdf
- ◉ Guidelines to Re-Open Catholic Schools 2020-2021 School Year, Green Bay Diocese, July 13, 2020.