

July 14, 2020

Dear Resurrection Catholic School Parents/Guardians and Students:

Yesterday, I met with our superintendent Dr. Rhonda Clark and principals from the Diocese of Biloxi. **The Diocese of Biloxi is very excited about students returning to campuses on August 6th, and everyone is working tirelessly to determine protocols and procedures to make this year as “normal” as possible while prioritizing the safety and health of our faculty, staff, students, and families.** The meeting was very productive and more Covid-19 protocols were discussed and determined. I am committed to sharing information with our school community each week. Therefore, the following information was determined yesterday:

- Temperatures will be checked each day on both the RCES and RCMHS campuses prior to students entering the buildings.
- Masks will be worn in ALL common areas – hallways, cafeteria, restrooms, buses, etc. – and possibly all classrooms. Whether masks will be worn in the classroom full time will be determined the week prior to school starting.
- We will provide white masks. However, students may want to purchase their own masks. These masks must be solid blue, white, black, or gray. No prints. Only the RCS logo is allowed.
- As mentioned in the Covid update letter sent last week, students will be kept together as a unit (at RCES - “homeroom families”; at RCMHS – by grade).
- All classrooms will be arranged so that students will be socially distanced as much as possible while in the classroom.
- Students will be socially distanced in the cafeteria.
- Breakfast will be served on both campuses. Students will collect their breakfast and take the breakfast to their first period or homeroom classes to eat.
- Before and after care will still be provided on the RCES campus.
- Protocols for students or staff infected with Covid-19 have been established. These protocols will be outlined in our student handbook that will be available and updated online by July 24th.
- Students have the option to attend RCS virtually. Students will be expected to log on each day Monday through Friday and virtually “attend” classes from 7:45 – 3:12 for the middle/high school and 7:55 – 2:35 for the elementary. Virtual students will follow the

same schedule as on-campus students. Virtual students will have breaks during our break times and lunch during our lunch times. Virtual students will have to take nine weeks and quarter exams on campus after hours while they are proctored by a teacher.

- MHSAA has announced that football games start Sept. 4. First matches for volleyball will be August 24.

Sister Marilyn Springs, the new RCES Principal, will arrive next week. Sister Marilyn will meet the following week with parents on the RCES campus to present Covid protocols. **If you have children in different grades, you are not required to come to two meetings.** Choose one grade level meeting to attend. The meetings will be in the RCES gym on the following dates and times:

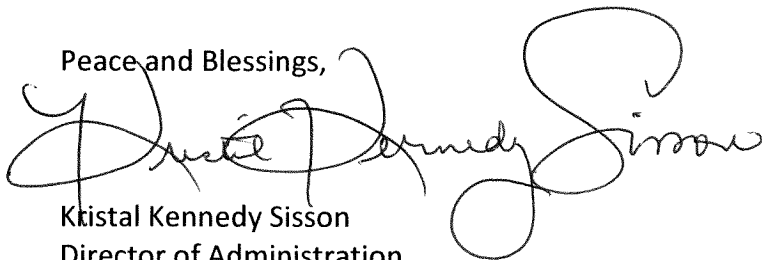
Sunday, July 26 at 2:00 p.m. – PreK 3 and PreK4
Monday, July 27 at 6:00 p.m. – Kindergarten
Tuesday, July 28 at 6:00 p.m. – 1st and 2nd grades
Wednesday, July 29 at 6:00 p.m. – 3rd and 4th grades
Thursday, July 30 at 6:00 p.m. – 5th and 6th grades

On the RCMHS campus, I will present Covid protocols during the following dates and times in the high school gym:

Sunday, July 26 at 4:00 p.m. – 8th and 9th grades
Monday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m. – 10th, 11th, and 12th grades
Sunday, August 2nd – 3:00 p.m. (Covid protocols discussed at 7th grade orientation)

Thank you for your patience as we continue establishing protocols and making decisions. Again, safety is our first priority. Please remember that we will update protocols each week as we have new information. Again, I ask for your patience. **While these changes are challenging, we are in an excellent position to protect our students, staff, faculty, and families because of our school's smaller size.** Please know that we are praying for our students and families each day. Now more than ever, our faith is integral to our daily lives. I firmly believe that our children NEED to return to RCS and our daily routines of prayer and faith formation. Thank you for entrusting us with your children.

Peace and Blessings,



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