



July 4, 2020

Dear Resurrection Catholic School Students and Families:

I hope this email finds our RCS students and families happy, safe, and well. Summer vacation will soon be over, and school will begin in just a few short weeks. We are excited to have our Eagles back on campus this fall!

**As previously announced, Resurrection Catholic School will return to campus on August 6th in a traditional school setting.** Our top priority at Resurrection Catholic School is the safety and health of our students, staff, faculty, and families. Throughout the summer, administrators from the Diocese of Biloxi have met to discuss protocols for the coming year. We regularly review information from the Mississippi Department of Health, the Mississippi Department of Education, the Mississippi High School Activities Association, local medical professionals, local officials, and Governor Tate Reeves. As you are well aware, we are in a very unique, fluid situation that requires constant monitoring of information and networking. **Please understand that we will update our families as information is available and decisions are made.**

Currently, we have established the following plans:

**Prevention and Safety FOR Both Resurrection Catholic Elementary School and Resurrection Catholic Middle/High School:**

- Both campuses have been deep cleaned and sanitized using CDC recommended cleaning products throughout the summer.
- Before the school year begins on August 6<sup>th</sup>, hand sanitizing stations will be set up throughout both schools at the entrances to hallways, cafeterias, restrooms, offices, gymnasiums, and classrooms.
- All classroom desks, playground equipment, tables, and other surfaces will be disinfected frequently throughout the day.
- Buses will be sanitized after every use.
- Soap, water, and paper towels will be available in all restrooms.
- Movement between classes and throughout the buildings will be limited.
- Teachers and administrators will enforce social distancing in the hallways and other spaces.

**Protocols for the RCES campus:**

- Students will be kept with the same group of students throughout the day.
- Prayer and devotion will be held over the intercom system in the morning.
- This group will be their "homeroom family."
- Keeping these same children together throughout the day will limit exposure to other students on campus from different "homeroom families" and yet allow students the opportunity to socially interact with their peers.
- Activity teachers, when possible, will travel to "homeroom family" classrooms.

- During recess and PE, each “homeroom family” will stay together socially distanced from other “homeroom families.”
- “Homeroom families” will also socially distance during lunch. By practicing “homeroom family” socially distancing as much as possible, students are limiting the number of people that they come into contact with on campus each day.
- We will make the decision as to when or if masks will be worn on the RCES campus the week prior to August 6<sup>th</sup>.
- If we require masks, we will provide masks for students.
- In the mornings, RCES students will go directly to their homeroom.
- If they choose to buy breakfast in our cafeteria, they will pick up a breakfast “to go” box in the cafeteria and bring the breakfast back to their homeroom to eat.
- In the afternoons, students will not gather under the pavilion.
- Students will attend Mass each week as faith formation is paramount on the RCS campus; however, each “homeroom family” will attend socially distanced from other “homeroom families.”
- We are equipped to check temperatures each morning at RCES as students arrive on campus. One week prior to August 6<sup>th</sup>, we will determine if morning temperature checks will be required.

**Protocols for Resurrection Catholic Middle/High School:**

- Students will not gather in the morning for prayer and devotion in the café. Instead, students will report directly to first period.
- Prayer and devotion will be held over the intercom system in the morning.
- Students will be assigned an area of the campus for break.
- Students will attend lunch and Mass in smaller groups.
- We will determine the week prior to school starting as to whether we will require daily temperature checks and masks.
- During athletics, we will follow the same protocols being used in the classroom.
- When the Mississippi High School Activities Association releases guidelines and protocols for sporting events, we will inform our students and families.

While we are very pleased that our Eagles will be returning to our campuses on August 6<sup>th</sup> in a traditional school setting, we are aware that some of our students and families may choose to remain at home and utilize distance learning. If you choose to have your child remain at home and participate in distance learning, please contact me at [ksisson@rcseagles.com](mailto:ksisson@rcseagles.com) to schedule a meeting. Full tuition will be required for distance learning. In addition, students and parents must commit to a specified time period of distance learning. This time period will likely be one semester.

Thank you for entrusting Resurrection Catholic School with your child’s education. We are committed to keeping our students and families both safe, healthy, and informed. We appreciate your support and look forward with great anticipation to the upcoming year. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions. The RCMHS campus phone number is 228.762.3353, and my personal cell number is 228.217.6372. May God bless you and your family.

Peace and Blessings,

Kristal Kennedy Sisson  
Resurrection Catholic School, Director of Administration

