



Uniting Faith and Knowledge

Divine Savior
Catholic School

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The mission of Divine Savior Catholic School is to provide a high-quality, personalized, Catholic-based education that inspires and empowers its learners to achieve academic excellence and develops life-long learning skills. Learners are challenged to walk as disciples in the footsteps of Christ valuing knowledge, prayer, and service to others.

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

This newsletter contains the back-to-school plans approved by the Board of Trustees at their meeting last week. They will review the plans in early August and make any adjustments as needed at that time. We anticipate the changes would result from government or health department mandates. **In the next two weeks I would ask that you email me with any questions or concerns about this plan. I will bring those comments to the attention of the Board for any further action.**

Basically, we plan on operating 5-days per week as usual beginning Tuesday, September 1. We will do a temperature check upon entry and social distance as much as can be expected at an elementary school. Face masks or shields will be worn by the staff. At this time, masks are strongly encouraged but not required for students. All bus students and those dropped off by car or walking will enter on Fremont Street using the gym door entrance. Parents who drop off children are asked to do so on the school side of 5th Street. Parents and other non-essential adults will NOT be allowed to enter the school building. (The exception will be for 4K and other new students the first few days. In the parent needs to escort the child into the building, it must be done between 7:15-7:30. At 7:30 all parents in the building must leave.) If a child arrives after 7:50, he/she should enter via the breezeway entrance as in the past. 3K students should enter school at the day care entrance. Siblings of 3K students need to enter at the gym entrance. Please read the attached list for more specifics of our plan.

In the event that one of the teachers may need to be in quarantine because of covid-19 exposure or because he/she is exhibiting minor symptoms, we are planning on having the teacher present his/her lessons virtually on the classroom smartboards. To make that work, we need parent volunteers who would monitor the classroom. If you would be willing to assist in that capacity, please let me know which days you would be available. The task would involve monitoring students and organizing groups for the academic mini lessons. Let's pray this is never needed!

If you or someone you know is seeking part-time employment, we may have a part-time teacher aide position available. Please let me know of your or another person's interest. Job applications are available on the school website.

Last year our music teacher Mrs. B, offered violin lessons to some first and second grade students. She will no longer be teaching music at Divine Savior, but the conservatory in Manitowoc arranged to have another violin teacher provide lessons here at school. Her name is Mrs. Heidi Barker. She would offer lessons at \$120 per semester. Students would also need to provide a violin. She will need a minimum of five students to make her time here feasible. If you would like to have your child take violin lessons at school, please email me as soon as possible.

Our new music teacher is Christine Clements. Mrs. Clements will be teaching music on Tuesdays. The other four days of the week, she is the elementary music teacher for the Kiel Public Schools.

An interest survey was sent to you last Spring regarding piano lessons offered at school. Currently, the Conservatory is still seeking a piano instructor.

We welcome the following new students and their families to the Divine Savior School community: Harley Hartenberger, Ivy Henry, Eleanor Kaat, Natalie Morgen, Anna Michaels, Emmalyn TeBeest, Audry Ziegelbauer, Alexandra Bianchi, Alara Lisowe, Kaiden Ristow, Lauren Bianchi, Noelle Bianchi, Anna VanMaaren, Grace Bianchi, Armando Cruz and Winston Bestul.

If you know of anyone else still seeking a school for their child this Fall, please have them contact us.

Together in Christ,
Kerry Sievert

RE-OPENING PLANS FOR DIVINE SAVIOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- Schedules
 - Classes will resume September 1 with classes held five days per week.
- Personal Protection
 - Temperature checks will be taken upon entry and during the day as needed. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will be isolated and parents contacted. Children showing symptoms or becoming ill will be isolated in one of the tutoring rooms, monitored by a staff member wearing mask and goggles. When parents arrive, the staff member will escort the child down the back stairs by the day care entrance.
 - Parents are encouraged to check children for fevers and other symptoms prior to sending them to school.
 - Students and staff exhibiting symptoms of influenza or covid-19 will not be allowed in school.
 - Anyone in contact with a confirmed covid-19 patient will not be allowed in school for 14 days from the time of contact.
 - Criteria to return to school will be based on health department guidelines at the time.
 - Entry to school prior to 7:50 will be via the gym door entrances. Parents are asked to drop students off on the school-side of 5th Street. Parents will not be allowed to enter school at pick-up or drop-off. (Exception, 3K and 4K parents may accompany the children the first week between 7:15-7:30) (3K students will enter at the day care entrance.)
 - Face masks for students will be optional for students but are strongly encouraged.
 - Face masks and/or shields will be required for all staff members and visitors in the building.
 - Hand sanitizers will be available in every room.
 - Bathroom doors will be propped open to eliminate the need for students to touch the door after washing hands.
 - Proper handwashing and protection when sneezing and coughing will be explained to all students and monitored accordingly.
- Disinfecting/cleaning
 - Additional custodial hours will be used for more frequent sanitation of surfaces.
 - Surfaces and equipment will be disinfected after each use if possible. Tables and chairs will be cleaned whenever students leave a classroom and another group is to enter.
 - Students and staff will clean hands with sanitizer whenever entering a classroom.
 - Use of shared materials will be minimized and disinfected after each use.
 - Students are required to have a large SOFT pencil pouch to keep basic supplies such as pencils and scissors. The pouch should also contain a pack of small tissues and the pouch will be taken by the student to all classes.
 - A special machine for disinfecting has been purchased and will be utilized daily for additional sanitation.
- Social Distancing
 - Seating at tables will be distanced as much as possible. Desks will be used to increase social distancing if possible.
 - Bathroom usage will be limited to individual vs. class-wide use at one time.
 - Lunch periods will be scheduled to reduce contact. Meals will be restricted to one option (no ala carte) and trays prepared prior to student arrival. Students will take assigned seats and teachers will bring trays and milk to the students. Students will be assigned seats such that there will be empty seats in between and students on opposite sides of the table are seated in an alternating fashion.
 - Lockers and coat hooks will be used as in the past. Student access during the day will be controlled by teachers to eliminate excess number of students congregating in the hallway.
 - The playground use will remain the same. Numbers of students on the play equipment will be monitored and controlled if necessary.
 - Assemblies and whole school gatherings will not be held initially when school starts.
 - Traveling to the science lab, gym, or lunchroom will be controlled using designated stairways.
 - Upon arrival, students will need to pick up items in their lockers and report to their homeroom immediately and remain there until after the bell.
- Protective Devices / Actions
 - Bubblers will not be used other than to refill water bottles. The “clear” bottle restriction will be lifted unless misused by an individual child.
 - Orientation Day will be cancelled. Parents may drop off student supplies in the parking lot on Aug.25 and teachers will bring the materials to the classroom. Pictures will be taken after school begins.
 - Children that need to be picked up during the school day for appointments, etc. will be escorted to the school entrance. Parents are asked to phone school when arriving in the parking lot and remain there to wait for the student.
 - Parent/teacher conferences in November will be conducted virtually.
 - Public Health professional will be secured to speak to students about health issues.
 - Signs will be displayed in school promoting safe and protective actions.

- Windows and doors will be open as much as possible.
 - Bus students will use hand sanitizer prior to dismissal.
 - Parent communication will include special topics such as monitoring symptoms, health department guidelines, and reporting requirements.
 - The use of any volunteers will be based on the necessity of a given situation.
 - All shared food items (such as a birthday treat) must be a product that is already packaged.
- Special Need Situations
 - A quarantined teacher who is feeling fine will teach class virtually using google or zoom with a parent volunteer monitoring the classroom.
 - Equipment will be secured to have teacher class presentation available virtually so a sick or quarantined child can follow along with his/her class as the presentations are being made.

*** These plans for based on CDC and health department guidelines along with directives from the Green Bay Diocese as of July 15. Depending upon any upcoming mandates or requirements, these plans may need to be modified.

AUCTION INFORMATION

You can access the online auction here: <https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/auctions/Divine-Savior-Catholic-School-12115>

Vacation Raffle Ticket are still available by contacting Jeff or Dawn Voland @ 920-894-7061 or by going to the school or parish website. Tickets will be available in both places up until the Auction on August 8th, 2020. When going to the website, just click on the auction bulletin and it will take you right into the auction. You will then be able to see the items.

INFORMATION

To find forms and the supply list for our school, go to our website. Select Registration/Resources and then select forms.

When getting school supplies, make sure **each** child has a large, **soft** pencil case.

REMINDERS

Do not forget to check the Community Links page for information and events pertaining to our area.