

Sacred Heart Elementary Return to School Plans 2021-2022 – FAQs

Below we address some frequently asked questions with our plans to safely reopen Sacred Heart Catholic School. We encourage you to visit the SHS website for further information. Thank you for your unending support and flexibility as we make decisions with an unprecedented and incredibly fluid situation.

Check in Day

- Check in day will take place this year in person starting in the gym on August 5th.
- Unvaccinated adults and children 12 years or older are encouraged to wear masks inside the buildings.
- Please remember to adhere to social distancing of three feet or more.
- Please use the hand sanitizer found throughout the school.

Arrival Carpool begins at **7:30 (note change)** this year.

- There is no “walker” option.
- All students use the carpool line on Walnut Street.
- Pre-K and K parents may choose carpool or may walk their child to the base of the front steps in the mornings until Monday, August 16th. Assistants will escort the children to their classrooms. All use carpool in the afternoons for dismissal.
- Students in the upper classes will be escorted from carpool to their classrooms the first week.
- If you live in the neighborhood and walk to school from your house, please contact Vicki Flanagan at vflanagan@shshattiesburg.com.

Tardies

- A staff member is out front to greet parents as they line their vehicles on Southern Ave.
- Parents remain in their vehicles.
- Tardy slips issued at that point.

Early Dismissals

- Parents come up the steps to the front office to sign out their children.

Dismissal Carpool begins at **2:55 (note change)** this year.

- There is no “walker” option.
- *For first day, please use last year’s family signs or make your own. Signs will be sent home at the end of the first day in your child’s backpack if you did not get them on Check In day.*
- There are two afternoon carpool lines according to the student’s last name:
 - Students whose last name begins **A-J (note change)** are picked up on Walnut Street.
 - Students whose last name begins **K-Z (note change)** are picked on Southern Avenue alongside the black gates out front.
- Access to this carpool line is from Court Street onto Southern Avenue.
- Both lines pull up, load the students and move off as a group as directed by the crossing guard.
- Please do not block the driveways on Walnut and Court Streets.
- Teachers on duty help buckle the younger children’s seat belts as need.
- Parents are to remain in their vehicles.
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Breakfast

- The cafeteria opens at 7:00 and serves breakfast.
- Social distancing will be monitored.
- Parents are not permitted in the cafeteria to have breakfast with their children at this time.

Lunch

- Students may bring their lunches from home or order in the mornings.
- Proper sanitation protocols will be adhered to between classes.
- Parents are not permitted to have lunch with their children at this time.

Recess

- 30-minute period by grade level throughout the day in order to maintain proper social distancing.

Extended Care

- Extended Care is offered after school with proper social distancing practiced.

After School Activities and Camps

- After school activities are permitted.
- Social distancing and sanitation protocols will be adhered to.
- Students have their own materials or sanitized between use.

Dyslexia Services

- Karyn Charles will tutor and test individual students as needed.
- Social distancing will be followed and the common area and all shared materials and manipulatives will be disinfected between students.
- **Speech Therapy and ELL** will take place and follow the same safety procedures.

Masks

- Social distancing cannot be ensured throughout the day; therefore, masks will be required for all staff and students indoors. Since this student population is unable to receive the vaccination, Sacred Heart wants to ensure highest safety measures are in place.

Classrooms

- Classrooms are arranged where student desks are as far apart as possible and students face forward.
- Unnecessary furniture is removed and the remainder has been placed against the walls.
- Soft items (bean bags, area rugs) are removed as they are difficult to clean.

Water Bottles

- The water fountains are turned off and will not be used until the water stations we ordered have been received. We will install these on each floor and in the modular building.
- Send a water bottle (clearly labeled with your child's name) to school daily along with extra bottled water.
- No child will go thirsty; we have limited quantities on hand as needed.

Mass

- In person attendance each Thursday will be limited to students by floor level until further notice. This will ensure proper social distancing. The rest of the student body will be participating in Mass virtually.

Volunteers and Class Visits

- There are no visitors or classroom visits at this time.
- No parents are allowed in the buildings at this time other than the front office when necessary to drop off lunch boxes, forgotten homework, etc. Unvaccinated adults and children 12 years or older are encouraged to wear masks when inside the building. Social distancing will be adhered to and hand sanitizer will be available for use throughout the buildings.

Sanitization

- Administrators and all cafeteria and custodial staff are trained by a professional outside agency on how to properly sanitize our school to keep all safe.
- Custodians and cafeteria staff follow a schedule to regularly sanitize common areas throughout the day (e.g., bathrooms, railings, doorknobs, stairwells, etc.).
- Teachers sanitize common areas and desks in their classrooms throughout the day.
- Custodial staff members follow a schedule to deep clean and sanitize the school after hours.

School to Home Learning

- School to home learning will be available to students who are under mandatory quarantine.
- Pre-K and Kindergarten use SeeSaw for age appropriateness.
- First through sixth grades use Google Classroom for continuity across grade levels.