



Jackson Christian School

Return to Learn

Dear JCS Families,

We belong together! This is the message we received through the recent survey. The results showed that overwhelmingly, it is the desire of JCS families to return to the classroom this fall. We miss your family and joyfully anticipate being together again. The halls of a school are not meant to be silent.

We also realize that Covid-19 remains a reality. We share in the uncertainties and anxieties that surround this pandemic. The administration team and

Return to Learn Committee have been prayerfully planning and following the *Michigan Safe Schools Roadmap* for re-opening safely. Our utmost priority is the safety and well-being of our school community, and for that reason, we are planning for a wide variety of health scenarios and safety precautions.

Currently, we are in Phase 4 in our county. We continue to monitor the guidelines as they are being updated and plan to

adjust as necessary in accordance with the CDC recommendations and Jackson County Health Department. We recognize that some families may need the flexibility to choose to keep their children at home for periods of time even while the school remains open. Please contact the school office to discuss your personal situation. We are willing to work with you.



We are dedicated to the safety and well-being of your child:

- Buildings have been deep cleaned over the summer
- Hand sanitizer stations are placed around the buildings
- Non contact temperature screening will take place for staff, students, and visitors before entering the buildings
- Emphasis on hand washing and personal hygiene throughout the day
- Limited sharing of supplies and materials
- Fresh air flow, being outside with students, as much as possible
- Frequent disinfection of common surfaces during the day, according to CDC guidelines
- Encourage spacing of 6 feet apart
- Signage and decals throughout the buildings as communication reminders
- Intentionally keeping class sizes small, so desks can be spaced apart
- In the elementary, facial coverings worn when traveling in hallways, and will be optional for elementary students in the classrooms, as required by the governor's executive order.
- Facial coverings worn by students in grades 6-12 for Phase 4, as required by the governor's executive order. In Phase 5, this requirement changes to a recommendation. We are planning for multiple mask breaks all throughout the day.
- Facial coverings are NOT required for preschool children
- Facial coverings worn by staff and faculty
- Clear barriers in place for closer contact areas ex: lunch counter, office, 1:1 teacher/student mentoring

We know it is going to be a time of change for staff and students. We are thankful that it is temporary. We are all eager for some normalcy. Be a source of encouragement to your child. Steer away from the accusations that bring anxiety. Your children look up to you and follow your mind-set, outlook, and way of thinking.

Now, more than ever, we are committed to our mission, to partner with you in equipping your students for a life of service to Christ. The world is desperate for their light. We continue to cling to our place of peace inside the storm of Corona, steadfast hope through Jesus Christ.

We ask for your continued prayers and invite your feedback as we look ahead to a sweet reunion on the first day of school, August 27, 2020. Please watch for additional communications to be coming soon.

Blessings,

Todd Barney
Jackson Christian School

*You will keep in perfect peace
those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.*

Isaiah 26:3



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