

St. John's Lutheran School COVID-19 Family Agreement

This is a school/family agreement that covers the structure of both our distance learning plan and our onsite plan. **We are currently starting the year in a campus wide distance learning model.** The elements below frame our agreement with families to provide high quality and safe student education through St. John's. Below are the requirements and acknowledgments in which we need faithful partnership. The requirements are strongly worded, yet are necessary at this time. Please read the academic participation statements below. **The bolded statements are your family's acknowledgement of the protocols and require initials, by each statement, and a signature at the bottom of this document.** Below we have included requirements for both our Distance Learning Plan and our Onsite Plan.

A. Distance Learning Education (home plan or all campus distance learning plan):

1. During distance learning students will be in attendance Monday-Friday from 8AM-3PM. School should be treated as normally as possible. Families should establish good routines: get good rest, have a healthy breakfast, get dressed, and be ready for school on time. Students need to check in each morning and participate in the livestream classroom. **I/We understand this requirement._____ (A highly useful best practice for any form of learning is structure. A dedicated school space and well established daily routines may be the single most important parenting decision you make during this season of COVID school.)**
2. *For families that need to shift their academic day and elect to view school by delayed video:* A plan has been filed with the homeroom teacher and families understand the communication window. A shifted day still requires a daily check in with your homeroom teacher. **I/We understand this requirement._____**
3. The grade level website and Google Classroom need to be checked each day. Assignments will be shared via the livestream and posted daily. Instructional topics build on one another, so it is important that work is accomplished in a timely manner. **I/We understand this requirement._____**
4. Distance learning tools are designed for our student population only. Live streams, videos, and additional resources may not be shared. **I/We understand this requirement._____**
5. Online etiquette: Students should be dressed appropriately, interact with courtesy and be respectful to other students and teachers. **I/We understand this requirement._____**
6. Assessment/Grading: Faithful assessment of student learning is a hallmark of quality education. It is important for teachers to assess student learning. This aids in understanding the academic needs of individual students as well as the needs of the classroom. **I/We understand this requirement._____**
7. Honor code: Students will do their own work. School is for student learning. Learning and achievement are different aspects of school. When parents or others do something for a child that the child is capable of, it robs the student of the learning opportunity. Additionally this may send a message to them that you do not believe in them or their abilities. **I/We understand this requirement._____**

B. In-person Plan (on campus education at any point during this academic year):

1. Attending school at St. John's and participating in our full range of academic and interscholastic activities is voluntary. This means St. John's cannot guarantee that you or your student(s) will not contract COVID-19 while on campus or participating in offsite school activities. **I/We understand that there is greater risk in contracting COVID-19 in a group setting regardless of health practices and sanitizing protocols. We further understand that students and families may become sick around us and St. John's may require an entire cohort of students to stay home for up to two weeks or two COVID-19 negative tests (separated by three days). A doctor's note will not satisfy this requirement. I/We understand this requirement and assume the cost of testing.**_____ If this event were to occur, St. John's will provide a live stream option for the grade level cohort.
2. Parents are asked to do a non-medicated temperature check, visual health inspection, and brief student health survey each day prior to sending children to school. St. John's will enforce strong consequences for any family that willfully sends ill children to school. The potential consequences are 14 days off campus with a clear COVID-19 test, a longer time removed from the campus or expulsion. If expulsion were to occur, no negative academic record will be filed against the student. Please keep students home when ill. This will help reduce the risk of closing our campus for all families and students. **I/We will faithfully perform these health requirements prior to each academic day and understand the consequences for not following these guidelines.**_____
3. If children exhibit COVID-19 symptoms during the academic day, they will be sent home. Parents are expected to pick up ill children immediately. If St. John's cannot contact you immediately, we will go down the emergency contact list. **I/We understand that my student, exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, needs to be picked up within 30 minutes of contact. If I cannot be contacted my emergency contact list will be utilized immediately.**_____
4. If any student/family member is diagnosed with COVID-19 the student will need to remain off campus for 14 days. A doctor's note will not satisfy this requirement. **I/We understand this requirement.**_____
5. Per California state recommendations, facemasks will be required while on campus. We have defined "on campus" as the St. John's parking lot. St. John's believes both in the health benefits of facemasks and that we should follow the state guidance to wear facemasks in public. It is our recommendation for students to practice wearing a face mask prior to the start of school. We will have scheduled mask-free breaks. Please expect children to wear a facemask for 40-60 minute blocks of time. **I/We will follow all current facemask guidelines and will provide two masks for my student(s) daily.** _____

Student Name Printed: _____

Parent/Guardian Name Printed: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____