



## **School Reopening Update**

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are enjoying your summer. I am writing to update you on our plans for the fall. St. Nicholas administrators and teachers have been working diligently throughout the summer to develop a comprehensive plan for reopening school. Task forces of teachers and administrators have been focusing on two main areas: guidelines to promote health and safety on campus, and a school-wide distance learning plan. We are grateful for teachers who have given their time this summer to work towards our goal of all students joining us on campus in the safest environment possible.

For life on campus, we are finalizing safety protocols and policies in place that follow guidelines provided by the CDC, TN Department of Education, and Hamilton County Health Department. Some of what this plan will include -

- The use of face coverings by teachers and students;
- a new schedule that will allow students to remain in small groups throughout the day but still facilitates the movement and experiences of a variety of teachers;
- increased sanitation;
- daily temperature screenings of students and staff;
- an altered daily chapel experience.

While our plan is to remain on campus for the entirety of the school year, we also realize the need for a cohesive distance learning plan to implement if necessary. Though the needs of different ages vary, each level can expect to utilize the Google Education Suite for assignments and communication with their teachers and peers. There will be a “help desk” available to call during school hours as well as regular whole- and small-group instruction for each student.

If there is a positive COVID-19 case on campus, the schedule we plan to implement will allow one level to transition to distance learning for the prescribed time while everyone else is able to remain on campus. At this time, we do not plan to give the option of online school unless the whole level must transition to distance learning. Instead, we are focusing on providing each student with the St. Nicholas experience in a safe environment.

Again, **please look for a more detailed plan later in July**. We have missed seeing the students and are all very much looking forward to August.

Sincerely,  
*Mark*