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St. Ailbe Catholic School

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"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically.

**Intelligence plus character -
that is the goal of true education."**

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 18	No School- MLK Jr. Day
Jan. 19	Return to In Person for Students registered for In Person Learning in Nov.
Jan. 29	FULLY REMOTE- NO IN PERSON Parent Teacher Conferences
Jan. 31	Catholic Schools' Week
Feb. 1	Newly Registered in person students begin! (Surveyed in January)
Feb. 1	Registration for the 2021-2022 School Year Kicks Off!!!!!!

Expect more information about 2021-2022 Registration to come next week!

relationships come first.

RETURN TO IN PERSON

We've had a shift in where parents would like their students to learn this coming February. See the class totals below.

	TOTAL # Registered	School (Feb)	Home (Feb)
ECC	15	12	3
K	15	11	4
1	11	6	5
2	12	8	4
3	7	6	1
4	10	5	5
5	14	3	11
6	10	3	7
7	9	3	6
8	12	5	7
	115	62	53

Because of the increase, and in order to ensure that our safety standards are not compromised, the cohorts are shifting, which you can see designated by the different colors in the chart above. Instead of three cohorts that we've maintained throughout the beginning of the year, we are moving to five cohorts.

This expansion has also made it possible to have students with their own teachers, instead of working in a room with their teacher virtual. Students will still work virtually with students who are at home, but there will also be real facetime with their own teacher during the day, which we are excited to make happen! Schedules will be sent home in advance, for both the virtual and in person students.

Another change due to the increase in cohorts is the drop off and pick up procedures. Students who come to before care can arrive at 7:00 am at Door 1, off the main parking lot. Students staying for extended care will be picked up at Door 3, between 3:15-5:00. We are not yet able to extend that time past 5:00 pm, but it is something we are working towards.

There will be a staggered drop off. While this drop off is now longer, it ensures that students have as little crossing of cohorts as possible. Students who are tardy will not be allowed in any door outside of Door 1 (main door off of the large parking lot).

	Door 1	Door 2	Door 3	Door 4 (ECC)
7:00-7:45	Before Care			
7:45-8:00	Cohort 5-8	Cohort 3-4	Cohort 1-2	
8:00-8:15	TARDIES		K	ECC
2:45-3:00			K	ECC
3:00-3:15	Cohort 5-8	Cohort 3-4	Cohort 1-2	
3:15-5:00			After Care	

I know there are a lot of questions that will come up. Please feel free to reach out to me directly via email or contact the office. We are in the final stages of getting everything solidified in terms of scheduling. You will be contacted with all finalized information regarding the changes by Monday, January 25. Thank you for your grace and your responses to the survey!

UPDATED TRAVEL QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS

This year is different. In order for our school to be able to remain open, we need families to make safe decisions for everyone within the school. This year shows how interconnected we all are and why we need to make decisions for the consideration of all. The Archdiocese of Chicago has just updated their travel policy in regards to in person students/staff.

- Quarantine periods for all domestic travel (travel out of Illinois) is now ten (10) days.

- Quarantine periods may be shortened to seven (7) days if individuals present a written negative COVID-19 test result. The test must be administered no longer than 72 hours prior to arrival back in the state. Only written results are accepted (a verbal confirmation does not suffice).
- This guidance can be applied retroactively to any out-of-state travel that occurred in early January. This may enable certain families to return to in-person learning who were unable to return to Illinois by Jan. 4.
- This guidance does supersede the information released in the recent Parent Newsletter. We are doing our best to remain on top of frequently changing guidance from health authorities.
- Quarantines for international travel quarantine remain 14 days.
- Quarantines for COVID-19 exposure cases also remain 14-days (based upon the recommendation of all departments of public health in those jurisdictions in which the archdiocese operates and our own medical advisors).

As the cold and flu season approaches, please remember that students will be sent home with any fever and/or exhibiting symptoms on the list that was sent out. If the student remains fever free for 24 hours without any fever reducing medication in addition to a reduction of symptoms by at least 75%. If the symptoms have not subsided or the fever is still present, the student will need a negative COVID test and remain out for 14 days from the onset of symptoms, positive COVID test and remain out for 10 days, or a definitive doctor's note with alternative diagnosis and stating it is not COVID. We do this for the safety of everyone at school.

catalyst for change.

NOMINATE A STUDENT OF THE WEEK

The idea of making a community change begins with just one person choosing "right". Our St. Ailbe students are a force in creating an amazing wave of change, and we are going to recognize this weekly. We are going to start highlighting a student who has done amazing things by living out our motto, **I AM THIRD**, both within and outside of school. ***If you have any nominations for a student who has lived out I AM THIRD for his fellow students, neighbors, or community, please let us know so we can share that out! Nomination forms are available at [stailbeschool.org](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfkFJnTUo6FWRws2SOtNR-fK9eypBiYmBgm6o9iVrrBUDmMnQ/viewform) under the Main Office tab or at this link <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfkFJnTUo6FWRws2SOtNR-fK9eypBiYmBgm6o9iVrrBUDmMnQ/viewform>.***