



ST. MARY'S DOMINICAN HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

As we begin this school year, St. Mary's Dominican High School has information about our health and safety measures to share with you. Because of the special nature of this school year we have made some procedural changes to protect the students, faculty, and staff. The attached booklet entitled "Welcome Back to Walmsley" will answer many of your questions.

The first day of school for all students is scheduled for Thursday, August 20, at 7:30 a.m. Eighth graders will attend on-campus classes every day in a Traditional School Setting (TSS), while 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders will alternate on-campus classes with virtual classes according to last names, A-K and L-Z. This is a Hybrid School Setting (HSS), allowing for synchronous learning.

As students arrive to school, they will only be allowed to enter campus two ways. They can be dropped off on the Pine Street side between the two gymnasiums. Student can also park or be dropped off in the Burdette Street parking lot. Once on campus, they will enter the rear of Siena Gym and proceed to the front Siena Gym. Everyone must wear a mask and will have their temperature taken every day they come to campus. Anyone who has a normal temperature will be instructed to sanitize their hands and enter the school. If they have a temperature of 100.4 or greater, they will be sent to the school nurse. The nurse will ask them to sit down for 10 minutes before their temperature is retaken. Any student with a second temperature of 100.4 or greater will be sent home.

"The Welcome Back to Walmsley" booklet addresses in detail Dominican's health and safety measures. It will be updated as needed during the school year. Because of the fluidness of our situation we ask everyone to be patient and know that we are doing what is best for all of our students, faculty, and staff. Once school has started for the day, parents and other visitors will not be allowed on campus.

Take your child's temperature before you leave home. Ask her the questions that might indicate she has some type of illness. If she is sick, please keep her home. She can attend the class in a Teams Meeting.

Dominican's focus is to create a learning and school environment centered on the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff. Encourage your daughter to wash her hands at home and wear a mask wherever she goes. If any question should arise, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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