

FAQ: 2020-2021 COVID Response

*This FAQ will be updated regularly.

GENERAL SCHOOL:

Can my student tour the campus before the start of school to become accustomed to the new COVID regulations?

A: Yes. New families can schedule a 30-minute tour during the hours of 3:00-6:00 pm between Wednesday, August 12th and Tuesday, August 18th. Due to screening requirements and demand we will limit the tour to 30 minutes. Signups will begin Monday, August 10th and will be shared via email.

Will students move classrooms for different subjects this school year?

A: Yes for 6th-12th grades, no for Elementary. Elementary Specials teachers will go to the elementary rooms to limit exposure to other classroom environments. PE will be held outside, weather permitting.

Will there be pep rallies?

A: If we can conduct them in a safe way, we will have pep rally's. However, we haven't completed our planning and therefore we won't be able to schedule Pep Rally's until we can guarantee they can be conducted in a safe way.

Will there be field trips?

A: No, all off campus field trips and Impact trips have been cancelled. However, when we believe that conditions exist that enable us to conduct them in a safe way they will be resumed. These conditions will be apparent based on Federal and State guidance.

What is the maximum number of students per classroom?

A: We set classroom seating caps based on our ability to meet the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommendations for 3'-6' social distancing.

The school supplies came in a big box. Should my student bring the box, or does it need to come in their book bag?

A: If you are a New Family that has scheduled a tour between August 12th-18th, you can bring your box of supplies during that time and Elementary students can drop off supplies August 12th-14th. Otherwise, returning 6th-12th students should bring their box on the first day of school.

Will students be able to use the playground?

A: Yes, the teachers and staff will work together to wipe down high touch surfaces on the playground equipment between classes. Students will also sanitize their hands before and after visiting the playground.

UNIFORMS:

Can my student wear any uniform color on the first day of school?

A: On the first day of school, students can wear any color polo as long as it is within school dress code colors.

Do I pack their PE outfit each day in their book bag?

A: Elementary students will wear their PE Uniform all day on the specified days they have PE. They will not need to change their clothes during the school day. Therefore, you will not need to pack PE clothes.

AFTERSCHOOL:

Will there be after school clubs?

A: Not immediately. Our first priority is to guarantee a safe learning environment. We want to have after school clubs and are working on a plan to launch them when we believe we can guarantee the conditions necessary to protect club members.

MASKS:

What is the campus mask policy?

A: Masks/ Cloth Facial Coverings - SCA will follow the Governor's statewide mandate for masking. All staff, students, and visitors ages 10 and up are required to wear a mask or cloth facial covering while indoors in a shared space, as well as outdoors when 6 feet of social distancing cannot be maintained. Masks will be required upon pick-up and drop off for all students.

Masks will be required of ALL students (regardless of age) when away from their POD (ex. visiting the library, learning center, and nurse's office). Masks may be removed during athletics and PE when actively participating.

Students will remove masks while eating and drinking (snack and lunch breaks). Additional mask breaks may be planned by each individual teacher as appropriate.

How will you respond to students taking off or playing with their masks?

A: The teacher will remind the student of our current policy. We're confident that with frequent mask breaks and positive reinforcement we can help the students understand and follow our safety policies.

Will face shields be an adequate face covering?

A: Face shields or masks with exhalation valves can result in expelled respiratory droplets that can reach others. They are NOT recommended by the CDC, so will not be allowed at SCA.

LUNCHES:

Will there be a microwave for students to heat up lunches?

A: This depends on the classroom policy of the student's teacher. If a teacher has a microwave in their classroom the student may be able to heat up lunches.

Will there still be the regular lunch and snack menu?

A: Yes. However, we will no longer be serving breakfast.

If my student orders lunch at school, how will they receive that lunch?

A: Our food service personnel will deliver hot lunches to each classroom for elementary grades. Secondary students will eat their lunches inside the cafeteria within designated POD locations.

Where can I apply funds to ensure my child has money for lunch?

A: We are still in the process of setting up the lunches. It will be a new app that will be easy to do from your phone. This app will launch September 14th. In the meantime, you are able to pay for lunches through RenWeb.

Does my child need a packed snack during the school day?

A: Yes, we recommend they bring at least 2 snacks and a water bottle. We have water bottle refill stations on campus that have filtered and cold water, so they will be able to refill the bottles throughout the day as needed.

On the first day, will a teacher show us where to drop each child in front of what building?

A: You can refer to the school map in the 2020-2021 COVID Response Plan for drop-off locations. However, there will be staff assisting students on the first day of school. More details will come in our Virtual Back to School Night on August 17th.

NEW STUDENTS:

Will teachers show my child where the restrooms are located?

A: All students will be shown around campus to become familiar with the facilities.

On the first day, will teachers direct my child to their classrooms?

A: New students can schedule a 30 minute tour during the hours of 3:00-6:00 pm between Wednesday, August 12th and Tuesday, August 18th. In addition, maps and information will be sent out before the first day of school to show the drop off locations. Finally, we will assign teachers and administrators to locations around campus to answer questions and direct students the first few days of school. The locations will be color coded to go along with the child's car tag as well.