



SAINTS COLMAN — JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dear SCJN School Families,

It is hard to imagine that we are already at the end of July. We hope your summer has been enjoyable! Our return-to-school Task Force has been hard at work and would like to share an early view of our plans for September and hope this helps you and your families begin planning for the upcoming school year. The first day of school is set for September 9th, unless otherwise directed by Governor Wolf. We are excited to welcome back students to a full time in-person learning environment at SCJN School!

Our Task Force has focused on supporting the requirements set forth by the state of Pennsylvania and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. We have also sought insight from surrounding school districts and health officials to help design a plan tailored for SCJN School. We remain flexible to respond to an evolving environment and new information – and ask that you keep this in mind if adjustments are needed to accommodate such changes. An overview of our return-to-school plan is provided below; further details will be shared in future updates.

Our efforts seek to mitigate the risk of exposure to COVID-19. In doing so, we have looked to the recommendations put forth by the [Center for Disease Control](#) (CDC), [Pennsylvania Department of Health](#) (PADH) and [Chester County Health Department](#) (CCHD) – CCHD is the proxy health department for Delaware County, where SCJN School is located. We have also consulted the [Archdiocese of Philadelphia's "Catholic School's Onward"](#) guidelines. In each section below we highlight how we anticipate applying these at our SCJN School. Please understand, however, that there is not yet a path available to completely eliminate the risk of exposure to COVID-19.

One of the notable core values at SCJN School is the partnership with parents for the education and faith formation of our students. This partnership will be even more central this year as parents will play a critical role in monitoring and reporting students' health before school each day, a key component for mitigating the spread of COVID-19. The foundation of our partnership is based on transparency and honesty, particularly as we strive to remain open and safe for students and faculty. We offer that to you and rely on the same from you.

Any family that plans to participate in the CARES program (before and after care) must email [Jennifer McMahon](#) by Friday, July 31st in order to facilitate planning.

Please contact our point person, [Maggie Oliver](#), with any specific questions that you may have.

Thank you for your patience and prayers as we continue to build a plan that delivers a Blue Ribbon education in a safe environment that supports the health of all who are part of our SCJN School. We are so excited to see the students in our building again! And I am so excited to meet all of our students and families!

Gratefully,

Mrs. Kelly Ciminera
Principal





SCJN 2020-2021 SCHOOL PLAN AS OF 7/24/20

	What to Expect
Strategic Use of Masks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students and adults are required to wear masks while at school, per the directive by the PA Dept. of Health. If/as this directive changes, we will provide updates regarding any changes at SCJN School.• Please plan to send your child to school each day in a mask and with extras available. The mask cannot have any writing or logos on it except SCJN. The mask is to be stored in a paper bag when not being worn to prevent moisture build up.• We understand that wearing a mask for a long period of time will be difficult and a change from their usual school experience. We suggest that as the beginning of school approaches that you work with your children to find a comfortable mask and practice wearing the mask at home.• ‘Masks breaks’ will occur throughout the day.• SCJN masks will be available for purchase soon, both tube and ear loop style. These will be optional.
Symptom Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Every student and staff member will be required to submit a symptom surveillance survey by 7:30AM each day, prior to arriving at school.• It is imperative that families complete the screening tool each morning for each student.• Students will not be allowed to enter the school building unless the screening has been completed.• Further information regarding screening will be provided closer to the start of school.
Physical Distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At SCJN, we will practice physical distancing throughout the day: arrival, desk placement, hallway walking, recess and dismissal.• Classrooms will be set for six-foot distance between students.• Desks will be set to face the same direction in grades 1 through 8.• PreK and Kindergarten is not yet finalized.





<p>Cleaning/ Sanitizing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanitizing stations will be placed inside student entrances and all classrooms. • High touch areas will be cleaned repeatedly throughout the school day. • Nightly sanitization of each classroom.
<p>Education Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every student in grades 1–8 will have an individually assigned Chromebook. Touchscreen Chromebooks have been purchased for students in grades 1–4. Chromebooks will be stored at school each night. • In the event that in-person learning cannot take place, students in grades 1–8 will take the Chromebooks home. • SCJN will implement a flexible learning plan when needed. More information will be provided. • Lunch will be eaten in the classrooms. Order forms will be sent prior to the start of school. • Individually wrapped pretzels will be available for ordering. Order forms will be sent prior to the start of school. • Students are encouraged to bring a filled water bottle to school each day.
<p>Nurturing Environment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In an effort to keep students comfortable, we will relax our uniform policy for the <u>month of September</u>. All students may wear their gym uniform to school or wear their fall uniform. • Recess will continue to be part of the daily schedule. Outside learning and breaks will take place as much as possible, weather permitting. • Teachers will receive professional development training in “Trauma Informed Care” through the Delaware County Intermediate Unit before the start of the school year. • Teachers will be working with Mrs. Ryan, SCJN school counselor from DCIU, throughout the school year to ensure the social and emotional well being of our school community.

