

Return To School Plan

Thank you for your incredible patience as we have been working hard on the back to school plan for our FBCS families. After much prayer, research and discussions it the FBCS Administration and School Committee's plan to return to in-classroom instruction on Wednesday, September 2nd. We understand that safety is a concern for everyone going back to school this year. Below we have listed several steps we are taking to help prevent the spread of any illness, but especially the Covid-19 virus.

- Parents/Guardians must daily check temperature and assess health of their child prior to coming to school. If a child has a temperature equal to or above 100 degrees or has symptoms such as: chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, body aches, loss of taste or smell, severe runny nose, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea please keep them home. Faculty/Staff with any of the above symptoms will also stay home.
- Faculty/Staff will be wearing face masks unless outside and physically distanced or unless prohibited by a physical condition as outlined by the Ohio Department of Health Prevention Guide For Ohio K-12 Schools.
- It is not recommended that students in grades preschool-2nd wear face masks. If parents choose to send their children with face masks in these grades, teachers will do their best to help students follow their parents' decision.
- It is recommended but not required that students in grades 3-12 wear face masks unless outside and physically distanced. We recognize the wearing or not wearing of face masks has become a real source of division among many in our country. Whatever you choose for your family, FBCS is committed to strive for unity among the student body. Shaming on either side of the issue will not be tolerated within the student body.
- Classrooms will be reconfigured to give as much space in between desks as we possibly can.
- Shared items such as desks, chairs, keyboards, etc. will be cleaned after each use. There will also be a thorough cleaning each day after school hours.
- Teachers already help their students practice good hygiene. This year there will be an even greater emphasis and extra times allotted for handwashing. Extra hand sanitizer stations have been set up throughout the building to help supplement the handwashing times, not take the place of.
- Elementary classes will not mix together for times such as lunch, recess, gym, etc. The exception will be the 5th and 6th grades which remain joint again this year.
- Homeschooled students will not be permitted to join elementary music or art class this year.

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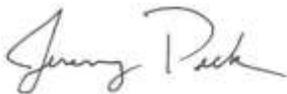
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- With the gym renovation in full swing and the Covid-19 virus we are planning to be outside for gym and recess unless the wind chill is below 30 degrees. Please plan to send your child with gloves and a hat for those colder days.
- If a student shows signs of being ill, the teacher will send the student to the office. Office staff will take the student's temperature, have the student put on a mask (3rd-12th graders), and closely monitor the student in the designated clinic near the office. The student's parent/guardian will be called, if necessary, to pick up the student.
- If your child tests positive for Covid-19 please notify the school immediately. The Lorain County Health Department will be notified and FBCS Administration will notify the families of FBCS. The student who tests positive for Covid-19 must quarantine at home for 14 days. Additionally, the return to school criteria is:
 1. At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (with no fever and without the use of fever-reducing medications); and
 2. Respiratory symptoms have improved (cough, shortness of breath, etc.).
- Faculty/Staff will seek to help students as much as possible who have tested positive for Covid-19 and are quarantined at home.

Soon we will share the practical steps we are taking such as arrival and departure waiting areas, serving lunch, etc. We are seeking to take a balanced approach to returning to school this fall. FBCS takes seriously the safety and well-being of our students, families, faculty and staff and will follow state requirements and prayerfully adjust this plan as necessary. We are thankful to the Lord to be able to partner together with our great FBCS family, please feel free to call or email the school office with any questions, we are here to serve you!

Sincerely,



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