



Prayer Intentions:

For a safe, happy and healthy year for all students, educators and school staff.

Please let us know if your family has an intention you would like us to include in our weekly schoolgram.

We Pray:

Dear God, Thank you for the blessing of a new school year. Please protect us from illness when we return to our classes this week. We ask you for the gift of knowledge and friendship for our children. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Calendar:

8/20

- Uniform Swap

8/22

- **Back to School Meet and Greet/ School Supply Drop Off**
11:15am-1:30pm
- **Please check with grade level teachers for rules on locker decorations.**
- Uniform Swap

8/23

- Uniform Swap

8/24

- 8:45 am First Day of School for KR – 8 students
- **NO BGCS Busing**

8/26

- School Mass 2:10 pm

9/1

- Preschool half days begin
- Picture Day
- 7/8th gr. Confirmation parent meeting

From the Principal:

Attached to today's email you will find several documents that are referenced in our Pandemic Response Plan and that we will follow in cooperation with the Wood County Health Department. The first is *Guidelines for Parents and Guardians* as part of the WCHD's *Prevention Measures to Keep Students in School*. This is some good general information for families about the current recommendations for school age children. The second document is *Guidelines for Quarantine After Exposure in K-12 Classroom Settings*. This flowchart from the state of Ohio explains when quarantine is necessary after an exposure.

Finally you are receiving the *Guidelines for Minimizing Contagious Disease in the Community* from the Wood County Health Department. This is a document that you will want to read and keep handy as it outlines the symptoms for which to keep an eye out and what is required for a child to return to school if they experience two or more of these symptoms. (Notably, the student will need a doctor's note or negative covid test to return once their symptoms dissipate. Without these, the student will have to wait to return until they have recovered and it has been at least 10 days after their symptoms began. (This is a big change and we will continue to educate our families on this policy.) The second part of this document outlines what you should do if someone in the household is being tested for Covid.

I know the Pandemic Response Plan contains a lot of information, but the most important things I would like to highlight are:

- Our policy currently is that masks are optional, but strongly recommended especially when social distancing is not possible.
- Most of our classrooms have six foot social distancing which means that if a student in those classes tests positive, no one is considered a close contact within the classroom setting. Obviously, there may still be exposures if the students spend a lot of time together outside the classroom, carpool, etc. Whether or not a student is wearing a mask is not significant in contact tracing when there is six foot social distancing, but masks are still highly recommended by the health department based on our community transmission levels.
- Our kindergarten (not KR), first and fourth grade rooms have less than six foot social distancing. These families received a separate email from me explaining what this means for contact tracing. In these rooms there is the potential for a student to be within six

9/2

- School Mass 2:10 pm (Gr. 8):
<https://venue.streamspot.com/event/Mjc5MDg4MQ>

9/6

- NO SCHOOL: Labor Day

9/7

- Preschool starts full days

School Schedule:

8:30 am: First AM Bell

8:45 am: Second AM Bell (Tardy)

11:00 am - 1:10 pm Lunch/Recess

3:00-3:12pm: Dismissal prep

3:10 pm: Announcements

3:12pm First PM bell & dismissal begins

feet of someone who is diagnosed with Covid. This would require a quarantine for that exposed student if they were out of the classroom, but the new guidelines say a student may stay in school if there is a classroom exposure if the following conditions are met

- The exposed student was consistently and correctly wearing a mask (this is up to you and your child)
- The exposed student remains symptom free
- The exposed student continues to wear a mask at school

As I explained to the parents of students in those three grades, it will be even more important for their children to be masked at all times if they want to avoid quarantine.

- Our policy is to exclude from class any student or faculty/staff member whom the Wood County Health Department recommends should be excluded based on a positive test or exposure identified through contact tracing.
- When outside on the playground we will not be monitoring mask wear. If you want your child to wear their mask outdoors, please have that conversation with them.
- We are setting up additional tables in the lunchroom so that all students are separated by six feet while eating as no one will be wearing masks. The only exception may be if we need to seat siblings together in our more crowded lunch periods.

I will be in the office on Sunday during our Back to School Meet and Greet. You are welcome to stop by for assistance with this or other matters. I'm happy to help.

*God's Blessings,
Andrea Puhl*

From the Office:

- **Extended Day Sign Up:** If you are using Extended Day in August or September, please sign up in advance. This helps us to plan for staffing and social distancing. You will find the sign up form here: <https://forms.gle/yBJJHLHiaDN6M5xH6> Please complete by Monday, 8/23. The extended day handbook is attached to today's email and hard copies will be distributed to those who use the extended day program.
- **Pikmykid app:** Pikmykid car tags will be given at Meet the Teacher. If you are not able to go, you can see your child's number in the app. The Pikmykid Parent App User Guide is attached. New families especially will want to read through the instructions on how to use the app.
- **Drop off and pick up first day:** With no BG buses and new families learning our routines, it is sure to be a complicated and long car line before and after school on Tuesday. If you are not in a hurry to get anywhere right after dropping them off or picking them up, please consider coming closer to 8:45am (students will not be marked tardy) or closer to 3:25 in the afternoon. It will save you waiting in line and help keep things moving for everyone.

- **Handbooks:** You will receive a parent student handbook on Sunday when you drop off supplies or on the first day of school with your youngest child. The last page is a signature page. Please sign and return it. You can drop it off at the office right away on Sunday if you would like.
- **Class Lists:** You will find these attached to today's email.
- **Security Cameras:** You may recall that we have been able to put in outside security cameras over the last couple of years using a state security grant. This summer we had them installed in the school hallways where there are lockers. They are not constantly monitored, but will be available in an emergency or if we need to review footage in case of a dispute.
- **Mask Lanyards:** We have blue mask lanyards available for anyone who would like one for their child. These come in especially handy when eating or taking them off for short times during the school day and keeps them off the floor or from being misplaced.
- **Water bottles:** Please remind your children to bring their own bottle each day. We have bottle filling stations, but no traditional drinking fountains.
- **First day photos:** If you would like to park your car and take first day of school photos outside the building on Tuesday, that is fine, but please remember that only students can enter the building. If you would like to utilize the normal car line and drop off procedures you may want to have them wear their uniforms on Sunday and get your photos then :)
- **Uniform Swap** is not open on Saturday, except if you are here for SoulCare.

St. Ursula Academy

St. Ursula Academy is proud to announce the following athletic and academic honors from the Three Rivers Athletic Conference (TRAC):

Lacrosse:

Eleanor Eigner: All Academic

Kate Eigner: All Academic

Claire Heffernan: All Academic

Reese Inkrott: All Academic



Congratulations to the following students who attended your school recognized for Term 4, 2020-21, Honor Roll at St. Ursula Academy.

High School

<u>Term GPA</u>	<u>Honor</u>
4.0 and above	Dean's List
3.750 – 3.999	First Honors

Junior Academy

All A's	Dean's List
All A's & B's	First Honors

12	Claire	Heffernan	Dean's List
11	Gretchen	Shope	Dean's List
11	Eleanor	Eigner	First Honors
11	Reese	Inkrott	First Honors
7	Mia	Buff	JA Dean's List



St. John's Jesuit Honor Roll

Gr.	Name	Honor Roll
10	Isaiah Gladden	Class Honors
12	Elijah Gladden	Class Honors
9	Noah Cope	First Honors
10	Brody George	First Honors
10	Isaac Gladden	First Honors
11	Gary Wright	First Honors