



RETURN TO CAMPUS PLAN OVERVIEW

August 12, 2021

We all share the responsibility of our SLES community's health and wellness. SLES remains committed to delivering our mission through an educational experience deeply rooted in on-campus, in-person programming. While we will continue to reevaluate our protocols to make the best decisions accordingly, for the time being, it is essential that all members of our community respect and adhere to the policies currently presented. In order for us to maintain a safe environment and continue *having* school as we wish, families must commit to supporting SLES's health, wellness, and safety protocols, and must agree to keep children home when they are not feeling well, have COVID-like symptoms or have been potentially exposed. As members of the SLES community, we recognize the need to remain attentive to our safety protocols as we engage as a community.

Although wearing face masks is required for anyone on-campus when indoors, teachers will be creative in seeking opportunities throughout the day to take "mask breaks" including snack, lunch, outdoor learning activities and recess as well as other situations. Teachers will be intentional about mask breaks and be diligent in their efforts not to exceed extended time frames of continuous masking.

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL/ BEFORE SCHOOL ARRIVAL

The school will not be conducting daily symptom checks at drop-off. All families are expected to monitor their child daily for COVID-related symptoms. Any student experiencing potential COVID-like or other contagious symptoms should remain at home until it is confirmed that the student does not have COVID. Although masks are not required at carpool, students must wear masks when entering the building. Given the frequency of removing masks, students are encouraged to use a lanyard to keep up with their masks.

Carpools for all early childhood (EC) and elementary level (EL) students will be held on the northside of campus and carpools for middle level (ML) students will be on the southside of campus. However, if a family has children in multiple levels, please use the carpool drop off location for the youngest child.

Students may arrive as early as 7:30 a.m. and report to the Parish Hall. All students will be released to their classroom at 7:50 a.m. Students who arrive after 8:00 a.m. should enter at the Jones Lobby and check-in at the front office as they are considered tardy.

Middle Level Morning Tutorials/Office Hours

Each morning, middle level students will have the option (not required) to attend morning tutorials/office hours with each teacher from 7:40 a.m. - 7:55 a.m. Students may use this time to meet with teachers to solicit additional support, review assignments, ask questions, or complete work. This time is intentionally reserved for students who want to visit with a teacher or desire a quiet place to work in the morning. Morning tutorial/office hours will replace after school office hours. However, after school tutorial/office hours with a teacher are available by appointment only. Students who arrive before 7:50 a.m., but choose not to attend morning tutorials/office hours will be directed to the Parish Hall for before school arrival.

CHAPEL

All students will report to chapel daily. Early childhood students will continue to worship together in the Little Chapel. First through eighth grade students will worship together in the large chapel and will have the option to partake in Eucharist on Wednesdays. Students will be assigned a chapel buddy, and attend chapel with their buddy on Fridays.

At this time, we are limiting parent attendance in chapel to those families celebrating their child's birthday and supporting students during Declamations. All parents/guests must wear masks when indoors regardless of their vaccination status. Additional information to come from our Chaplain regarding all things chapel at a later date.

HALLWAY MOVEMENT

Students will be allowed to move through the hallway to change classes and classrooms. As in previous years, younger grade levels will be supervised to help ensure safety.

LUNCHES AND SNACKS

All students are encouraged to bring a water bottle daily.

PK3 and PK4 students will eat family style in their classroom or outdoors.

Students in Kindergarten through 8th grade will be able to socialize and engage while enjoying their lunch in the Parish Hall, their classrooms, or outdoors.

A weekly menu, including options for allergies, will be available on the website for families to preview the menu. Students in elementary and middle levels will be able to bring a packed lunch from home, if needed. A

dditionally, treats for special occasions or birthdays are allowed and must be store bought and pre-packaged. Home-made foods/snacks will not be shared with classmates.

At this time, guests will not be allowed to join our students for lunch.

ENGAGEMENT WITH CLASSMATES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

We recognize that our students have the developmental need to learn through connections and socialization. To better meet their learning needs, students will not be required to remain in their grade level cohorts throughout the school day. While indoors, masks will be on so that students are able to move more freely throughout the space. During outside activities, students will not be required to wear their face masks.

RECESS

Recess will happen each day for all students (PK3- through 8th grade)! Play is an integral part of each student's day, where our students learn important competencies such as collaboration, problem-solving and social skills. During recess, each class will have the ability to interact and engage with one another.

SPECIALS AND ELECTIVES

We continue to offer visual and performing (special-area) classes, library visits, and technology classes this year. All students will travel to the respective classroom so that they may have the full classroom environment experience.

P.E.

P.E. provides students with the opportunity to continue working on their individual skills and improve their overall fitness, with a focus on social-emotional learning. Each grade will attend during their assigned P.E. time. When possible, classes will be held outdoors to maximize airflow. The coaches will encourage students to remove face masks when in a well-ventilated location. Face masks will be worn when students are engaging in indoors activities requiring less physical exertion.

Students in grades 5 through 8 will change into their P.E. uniform daily for gym class.

LOCKERS AND BACKPACKS

All students, including early childhood and elementary level students will be allowed to carry backpacks this year. Middle school students will be assigned lockers as well. In most cases, students will be able to take and keep textbooks home. However, students will need to bring the required textbooks with them as requested.

CAMPUS VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS

Visitors and volunteers are permitted inside the building during school hours. However, all visitors and volunteers (regardless of vaccination or immunity status) must wear a mask while inside the building at all times (regardless if students are in the vicinity). This decision is intended to minimize the exposure of our students, faculty, staff, and families to potential community spread of COVID-19 and to make the best use of our resources for cleaning and sanitizing our shared learning spaces.

ON-CAMPUS EVENTS

SLES will hold on-campus events and activities for parents and special guests. Such events include declamations, chapel talks, performances, athletic competitions, parent meetings, and

admissions tours. All visitors (regardless of vaccination or immunity status) must wear a mask while indoors at all times.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Maintaining our strong sense of community is a priority for SLES. We are committed to building connections and fostering relationships among our students and families. We are working closely with our Parent Council on creative ways to stay connected in the coming year.

Please look for divisional and grade levels updates as well as information in the weekly Glance, sent via email on *Sunday afternoons* throughout the school year.

DISMISSAL/AFTER SCHOOL CARE AND ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Students should be picked up at 3:15 p.m. in the same location they are dropped off in the morning. However, middle school students attending after school tutorials/office hours (by appointment only) or participating in athletics will be picked in front of the Chris Jones Lobby. Middle school students participating in athletics will be dismissed at 4:45 p.m.

After School Care, our after-school program for PK3 through 8th-grade students, will begin on the first day of school. When needed, after school care drop-ins will be available for students.

Enrichment classes will be offered and begin the week of August 23rd. If you plan for your child to attend After School Care or Enrichment Classes, please complete the registration form online. You may also contact our Director of After School and Enrichment, Chloe Guidry: cguidry@sles-sa.org.