



Fairfield College
Preparatory School



REOPENING PLAN 2020-21



Introduction

Fairfield Prep will reopen this fall, and our administrators, faculty and staff are very excited to welcome students back to campus for in-person learning in the 2020-21 school year. A return to the Prep campus is predicated on two important factors: Safety and Flexibility.

Our return to school will center on reimagined teaching and learning. Fairfield Prep is committed to the health and safety of every student and faculty member. Ahead of reopening, Prep has conducted several changes to its facilities and scheduling to accommodate social distancing and we will continue to adapt as new challenges arise. However, we are still committed to our Ignatian, mission-driven goal to offer face-to-face instruction and after-school experiences.

We will continue to keep you informed. The COVID-19 pandemic has presented many challenges to our normal way of life, and Prep is regularly monitoring policy changes and mandates from the Governor's Office and public health officials. As Prep develops new proactive solutions and learning format changes, administrators will disseminate updates via email and on www.fairfieldprep.org.

A successful reopening at Prep means we will all need to work together. As Prep reopens, each of us must be ready and willing to create a culture of responsibility and cooperation. Protecting the health and safety of everyone on the Prep campus will be paramount. We are very confident that the Prep Community will pull together and establish a continued learning environment in the Jesuit tradition of excellence.



Academic Calendar Highlights



2020

Thursday, September 3 — Orientation for Freshmen & Juniors

Friday, September 4 — Orientation for Sophomores & Seniors

Tuesday, September 8 — First Full Day of Classes

Thursday, September 17 — Back to School Night

Sunday, October 4 — Open House

Tuesday, October 13 — Honors Award Ceremony

Thursday, November 12 — Parent Conferences

Wed-Fri, November 25-27 — Thanksgiving Break

Wed-Fri, December 23, 2020 — Jan 1, 2021 — Christmas Break

2021

Monday, January 4 — Classes Resume

February 15-19 — February Break

April 2 – Good Friday

April 12-16 — Spring Break

Sunday, June 6 – Graduation

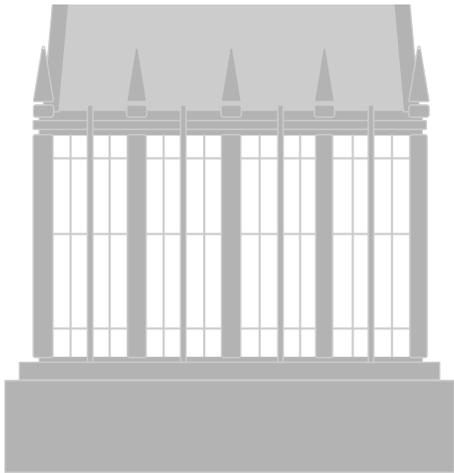
Wednesday, June 9 – Last Day of Final Exams



Academics & Schedule Flexibility

The Academic schedule will be driven by guidelines which will very likely limit the number of students per classroom in order to achieve the goal of optimal social distancing. Reopening will occur in one of three ways:

1



Full Reopening

*with all students present on campus
for a five-day school week.*

2



Hybrid Reopening

*with half of the school physically
present in the building and the other half
learning virtually on an alternating schedule.*

3



Fully-Online Experience

*with students learning remotely
five days a week.*

Prep is finalizing a flexible academic schedule that will allow for a seamless transition from being fully open, to a hybrid model, to a return to virtual learning if necessary. Also, the schedule will allow for the non-academic programs to continue regardless of the mode of instruction. Community Days, created during the spring, will also continue in the fall.

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Preparing for the Unexpected

The Prep leadership has been flexible in its approach to offering the best academic experiences, knowing that the pandemic has caused a time of great fluidity.

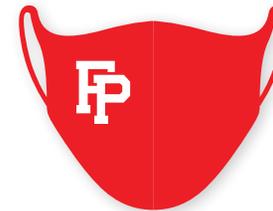
The Fairfield Prep faculty was outstanding in its pivot to virtual learning in the spring, and it will be critical to maintain the same extraordinary academic experience within a schedule that is creative, flexible and ensures that all faculty members and students feel safe and fully engaged.

Careful planning has taken place in many areas including but not limited to:

- Academic scheduling
- Assessment of classrooms and common areas for social distancing (minimum of six feet between student desks/work areas)
- Enhancements to classroom technology
- Cleanliness and Personal Protective Equipment
- Contact Tracing
- Food Services
- Visitor Policies

PLEASE PRACTICE
SAFE SOCIAL DISTANCING
AT ALL TIMES

JESUITS
PLEASE
STAND
6 FT.
AWAY!



**WEAR YOUR
FACEMASK**

AT ALL TIMES



**WASH HANDS
FREQUENTLY**

WITH SOAP & WATER
FOR A MINIMUM OF 20 SECONDS



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New Procedures & Safety Measures

Cleanliness and readily available Personal Protective Equipment will be important keys to maintaining a healthy and safe environment for students and faculty alike. Life on the Prep campus will look decidedly different as a result, and each of the following will be required:



Masks

All persons who are inside Prep buildings will be required to wear masks at all times. Prep will give two reusable masks to each student at the beginning of the school year.



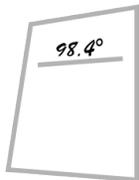
Social Distance

Students will sit at every other desk in a classroom, with in-between desks marked “unusable.” Hallways will be marked with signage encouraging individuals to keep to one side to allow for greater social distancing between class periods and to facilitate more efficient foot-traffic.



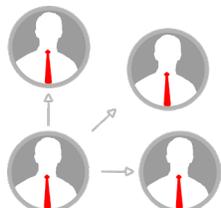
Sanitizing & Cleaning

Hand sanitizer will be made available throughout the Prep buildings. Disinfecting wipes will be available in every classroom to wipe down surfaces between periods. Custodial crews will clean more frequently, and Prep has contracted with an outside, certified cleaning service that will enhance daily sanitizing protocols.



Daily Health Screening

Students, faculty and staff are required to conduct daily health screenings, and report if they are feeling ill before arriving on the Prep campus. This will be done through the [LiveSafe mobile app](#), which is the same application used by Fairfield University.



Contact Tracing

Contact Tracing will be a major point of focus, as we will work meticulously to avoid another school closure by quickly identifying individuals who may have come in contact with a positive COVID case. Fairfield Prep will have a certified contact tracer on staff to serve the community.

Life in the Prep Facilities

In addition to safety measures, Prep has instituted a number of protocols allowing for consistent social distancing in common spaces on the Prep campus.



Class Transitions

There will be extra time throughout the day for students to move from class to class in an effort to alleviate hallway foot traffic. We are also staggering dismissal schedules.



Designated Areas

Designated common areas have been established for studying, gathering and dining.



Fewer tables and chairs, more space to accommodate social distancing in the SLC.



Technology

Classrooms this fall will be equipped with the necessary technology allowing for a hybrid form of instruction.

Teachers will be provided with new 7th Generation Apple iPads mounted on tripods, equipped with optimized wide angle lenses. In the event Prep conducts a hybrid reopening, teachers will be able to livestream and record lessons from their classrooms to the students present physically as well as those learning from home.

Using Zoom, students will also be able to interact in breakout rooms and breakout sessions regarding in-course work, with sessions being monitored by teachers.

Students will utilize a variety of learning applications on their iPads, including:



Schoolology Learning Management System



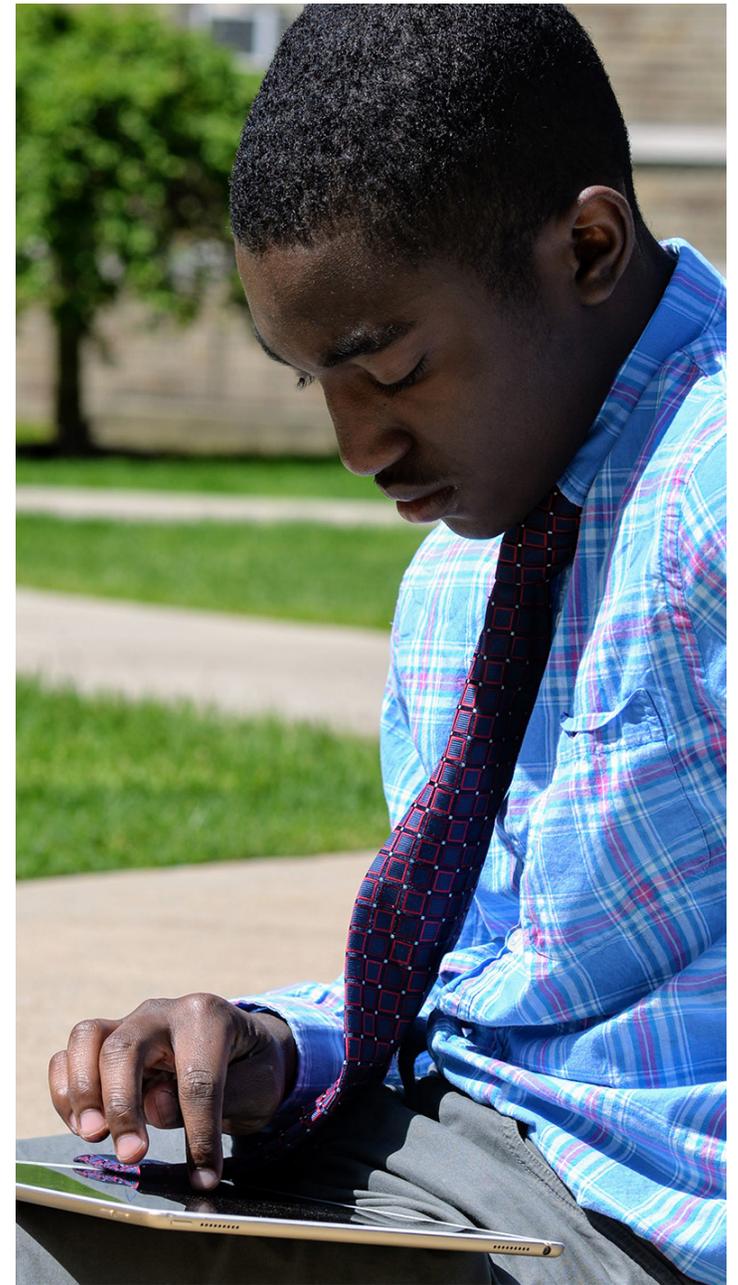
Notability



Google Drive



JAMF Management & Self-Service



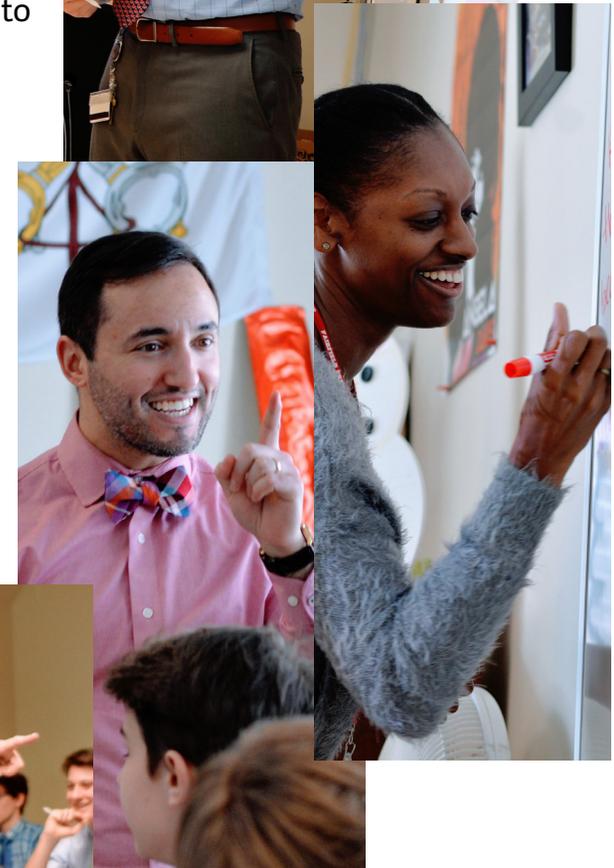
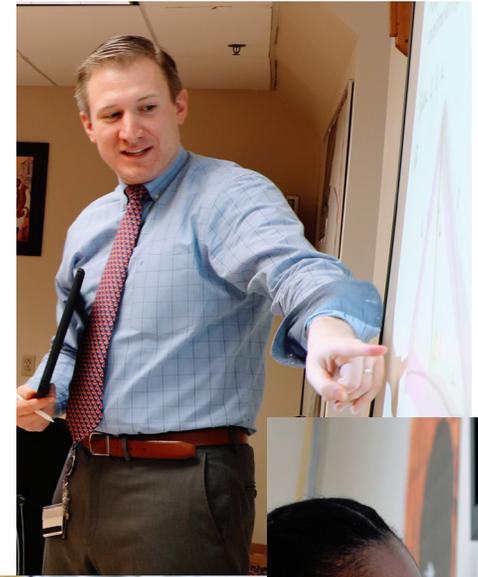
Prepared Faculty

Jesuit education has a long tradition of innovation. In the spring, being forced to quickly pivot to remote learning, the Fairfield Prep faculty rose to the challenge and led the way to a new level. Teachers, on short notice, created opportunities for experience, reflection and action to occur virtually.

We are not resting on our laurels. Professional development experiences continue for the faculty in our very fluid educational environment. Collaboration will help our teachers continue to offer peak academic experiences in the true spirit of Jesuit Education.

In returning to school, faculty is prepared once again to deploy lessons and creative assignments via the Schoology Learning Management System. These will include:

- *Zoom videoconferencing during regular class periods*
- *Videos & podcasts*
- *Online assessment tools like EdPuzzle and Quizizz*
- *Recorded whiteboard sessions using Notability with voice-over recordings*
- *Flipped classroom pedagogy*



Ignatian Life at Prep

Even in an era of social distancing, Prep will continue to foster a vibrant spiritual life as a Jesuit, Catholic school.



School Masses

Masses will be offered for the school community in creative and innovative ways that will involve the use of the Quad and the Student Life Center.



Campus Ministry

Retreat programs will resume on campus and online for all grades. Even in this pandemic climate, we will expand our retreat programs in order to bolster community connections



Service

The Office of Christian Service has developed a series of imaginative new programs that will allow students to serve the community amid the Pandemic.

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Athletics & Extracurriculars

Fairfield Prep continues to await guidelines from the state and the CIAC for both its academic and athletic programs. We will also be offering extracurricular and intramural programs to students once they return to campus.

Sports will return in the fall under the guidance of the CIAC. In the event that sports are canceled or postponed, team training will continue with our outstanding coaches and training staff.

All of our extracurricular activities will resume upon our return. Clubs will have frequent opportunities to meet in person and virtually. The Intramural program has been reimagined in order to adapt to the recommended health and safety guidelines. E-Sports tournaments will continue to be offered to students following the success of the program in the spring.





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