



CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Canisius High School Parents and Guardians,

We pray that you and your family are well and enjoying the summer. It's hard to believe we are already in mid-August and that the start of school is right around the corner.

Thank you for your care and attention throughout these recent difficult months, and in particular, over the last few weeks as we've shared our reopening plan. Thank you, as well, for your understanding and cooperation as we continue to adjust our plan. The safety of your sons and our entire Canisius community is our top priority. With health and safety protocols in place, we are moving forward with plans to be open for **classes for all students on campus five days a week** as scheduled this fall.

We've promised to provide you with updates as our plans continue to evolve. Below are the latest developments or points of clarification.

Masks. All students are expected to wear face masks or other acceptable face coverings properly at school. Consideration will be given for those who may have conditions that make wearing face coverings problematic. Masks may be removed when seated for eating. Teachers must properly wear face masks or acceptable face coverings during class and school duties. Face coverings may not display text other than athletic team logos/messages, and must not promote inappropriate themes, for example: alcohol or drug products/use. Please assure that your son has an acceptable face covering as he leaves the house.

Dress Code. Shirt and tie dress code will be in place for orientation days. When classes begin, students may wear Canisius polos, dress shorts (khaki type; no nylon shorts), and sneakers.

Library. We reconfigured this space to allow one student per table, couch, or study carrel. Library computer use is limited to every other computer with each student wearing a face covering and his personal desk shield properly attached to the computer station he is using.

Cafeteria. Seating has been configured to allow up to four students per table with each student using his personal desk shield properly attached at the space where he is seated.

Bottle Fillers: While traditional water fountains cannot be used, bottle fillers have been installed for filling personal water bottles. We recommend your son bring a water bottle to school for his use each day. Be sure he puts his name on the bottle.

Classroom Air Flow. Windows and doors will be kept open as much as possible to allow for increased ventilation.

Air purification systems that use germicidal UV light rays as a method of destroying germs, viruses, and bacteria are being installed on our heating, ventilation, and air conditioning units.

Physical Education and Athletics. There will be no Physical Education classes during the month of September. The fall sports season is currently scheduled to begin September 21. This is the previously announced sports season start date for all state Catholic and public high school athletic association schools.

Campus Ministry. Service requirements are ten hours per student this school year. In addition, each House within our House system will adopt an agency and complete service projects with that agency. More information will be available when school begins.

Yearbooks and Class Rings. Yearbooks will be distributed when school starts. Members of the class of 2021 will receive their class rings during a Mass for the senior class early in the school year.

The principal's office will be mailing a packet to your home with more back-to-school information very soon. As a reminder, the CHS [reopening plan](#) is posted on the school website.

It remains our intention to continue to provide your sons with an outstanding Jesuit education this fall. **The success of our efforts to keep our school safe and healthy requires the cooperation of our entire school community.** Please continue to stress with your sons the importance of maintaining physical distance, properly wearing face coverings, washing hands, staying home when sick, and complying with all health and safety measures.

We pray that you and your families are well, and we are excited to see your sons on campus in the coming days.

With prayerful best wishes for you,

Fr. David Ciancimino, S.J.
President

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Principal