



## **Return to the Ledge Addendum**

*Effective January 18, 2021*

The following serves as an addendum to the St. Mary's Springs Academy (SMSA) *Return to the Ledge (RTTL) Guidelines*, providing protocols and policies in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These updates and SMSA's response to the current conditions are informed by data gathered from experiences on the Ledge during the Fall semester and are guided by our mission and grounded in our core values. These guidelines serve to ensure the health and safety of our faculty, staff, visitors, and those we serve as well as all health care providers and the community at large. As illustrated in the Return to the Ledge Academic Plan 2020-21, our System commitments include those of safety, growth, presence and flexibility.

These updates were created in accordance with guidance provided by: the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Fond du Lac County and State of Wisconsin Health Departments, Department of Public Instruction (DPI), Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and other health experts. *Please note: we will continue to monitor information and guidance as it becomes available, adjusting these measures, protocols and guidelines as necessary.*

### **Chapel Mass**

Elementary students (K-8) will engage in chapel masses twice as often in Semester 2. In order to accomplish this goal, two classroom cohorts will participate together. The chapel will remain at 50% capacity or less. Social distancing and masks will remain intact and seating charts that mimic classroom seating charts will be utilized.

### **Gym Mass**

Increased opportunities for high school students to engage in mass will continue to be assessed. Possible grade level masses in the gym, where social distancing can be achieved, will be explored.

### **Locker Usage**

In response to concerns for heavy backpacks, middle school and high school students will access lockers throughout the day. Social distancing will continue to be encouraged and can be achieved as passing times are ten minutes or less. Backpacks will continue to be allowed throughout the school day.

### **Physical Education**

Due to class sizes, age of students, ability to social distance and a block schedule which allows for more class time, high school students will change into gym uniforms for PE classes. Showers continue to remain off limits at this time. Elementary students will access equipment during class instruction with strict cleaning protocols in place. Social distancing will continue to be an intentional aspect to lesson planning and teachers will be diligent in setting expectations and assisting students to be successful with safety goals.

**Art Education**

Elementary students will return to art classrooms for instruction. Seating charts will mirror cohort classroom charts and students will continue to use independent materials to ensure safety remains a priority.

**Music Education**

Middle school band and chorus will mirror protocols taking place in the high school to learn and practice safely. We continue to review research on how to allow elementary students to engage with music education under the safest conditions possible.

**Library**

Elementary students will have access to checking out books and access the library by classroom cohorts in 15 minute time slots. Cleaning protocols and sanitizing will remain in place.

**Elementary Recess**

Elementary students will access playground equipment in classroom cohorts. Cleaning protocols and sanitizing will remain in place.

**Visitors**

Non-essential visitors will continue to be limited. Any visitors to campus must be approved by a member of the Leadership Team who will take responsibility for monitoring the location, time, and interactions of visitors in the event that close contact tracing may be necessary.

**School Tours**

School tours will be provided for potential new students and their families after hours and by appointment only.

**Middle School Musical/Performing Arts**

A middle school performance of some type (live musical with a limited audience, virtual monologues, etc.) was approved, if staff is available to direct and moderate. Safety protocols must remain in place. A venue needs to be established as well for a performance.

**Lunchroom Access**

Lunchroom access will remain on hold at this time. A work group will be created to review data, procedures and safety protocols. Until the opportunity for change arises, lunches will continue in classrooms and homerooms.

**Outside Organizations**

Non-SMSA, third-party organizations will not have access to SMSA's facilities at this time.

**Field Trips**

Field trips will not occur at this time.