

Important Information and School Update

July 28, 2020

School Reopening Plans

The faculty has been working hard to put plans in place for next school year. It is our intention to have in person school for K-8, but do so in a safe manner. However, with the announcement of Governor Kate Brown, we will have to follow certain metrics put in place in order for us to reopen for in person school. Therefore, our plans to have in person school may change as we get closer to the beginning of the school year.

Here is a summary of the metrics that we will have to follow in order to reopen for in person school:

County Metrics - metrics to be met three weeks in a row:

- Case rate: ≤ 10 cases per 100,000 population in the preceding 7 days*
 - Test positivity: $\leq 5\%$ in the preceding 7 days
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State Metric - metric to be met three weeks in a row

- Test positivity: $\leq 5\%$ in the preceding 7 days

More information about the metrics put in place by Governor Kate Brown will be attached to this e-mail.

If we are allowed to reopen for in person school, Grace Lutheran School's reopening plans will be presented to the Board of Education where plans can be revised if needed. Families will eventually be able to review the plan when it is made available August 16, 2020. We will abide by the recommendations of the Oregon Department of Education and the local health department under the guidelines called, "Ready Schools, Safe Learners." It is important to know that guidelines are continuously changing and we are updating our plans to meet those guidelines. We ask for your patience as we do everything we can to make sure our families and staff are safe to return to school. Here is a sneak peak at what is to come:

- We will have in person school 5 days a week.
- Our classrooms will have a maximum number of students based on the guidelines found in "Ready Schools, Safe Learners."
- All students K-8 and staff will wear facial coverings while at school. Face shields are also acceptable.
- All persons who enter the school building will need to complete a health screening and have a temperature check. Facial coverings are required.
- Separate recess, physical education, and bathroom schedules will be created to minimize interaction of students between classrooms.

Again, please remember that these plans can change depending on orders given by the governor and the CDC. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Principal Justin Eternick by phone or e-mail. (Contact information is listed above)

Meet the Principal

Hello Grace families,

My name is Justin Eternick and I am the new principal and 7th/8th grade teacher at Grace Lutheran School. My wife (Sara) and I moved from Ohio about three weeks ago and are loving the time learning and enjoying the Portland area! I am excited to meet and learn more about you and how I can better serve you at Grace, but for now, here is a little bit about me.

I was born in Milwaukee, WI and grew up in a small town called Waterloo in Wisconsin. I attended a Lutheran Elementary school where I had the unique experience of having both my mom and dad as teachers. I then attended an Area Lutheran High School and graduated in 2009. I received my bachelor degree at Martin Luther College where I double majored in elementary and secondary education. I taught two years of high school at Michigan Lutheran Seminary and spend the last four years as a principal and 7th/8th grade teacher at a Lutheran Elementary School in Ohio.

I met my wife, Sara, my freshmen year of college and we were married in Portland a little over four years ago. We really enjoy cooking, hiking, gardening, and spending time with our dog, Piper. I also enjoy watching many different sports and participating in them when the opportunity presents itself.

Although this school year will be much different than any other year, I really look forward to working with the students and pray that God continues to bless the school and families at Grace!

In Christ,

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School Supply Lists

Please see the attachment of the school supply lists for grades K-8. If you have any questions about the supply lists, please contact the teacher of your student.

Registration Materials

If you have not registered for the 2020-2021 school year, please do so ASAP. We will need finalized numbers in order to prepare for the school year and submit our reopening plans to the Oregon Department of Education. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.