

Committed to Community



RE-ENTRY PLAN

1.0

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WCGS Family,

It is a privilege to partner with each of you as we work together to raise up the next generation of Christ-followers who will shape our culture. Throughout the challenges of the season, we believe the partnership God has put us in is transformational. Each school year we refocus on the remarkable opportunity to invest in children to be influencers, equipped to reflect God's love and share the truth of the Gospel to a world in need. God has uniquely used WCGS in the lives of families for the past 78 years, and we are so excited for what he has in store for our 79th year. We are committed to the community that God has called us into as believers; to be a people that is devoted to one another in love (Romans 12:10). It is our prayer that our school will continue to shine in the coming year and will provide a model for what Christ-centered community can truly look like in an ever-changing world.

Wheaton Christian Grammar School is excited to open its doors to your family on August 18! We have been praying and working diligently on what our re-opening plans should look like. As you know, the information that we have received from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and other governing authorities has been constantly changing. Based on what we know today, we have created our Re-Entry Plan 1.0. Please understand that this document does not contain all of the details that our final version will include; however, we trust it assures you of our commitment to a safe, healthy, loving, and vibrant learning environment for your child(ren) and gives you a confident picture of the framework for the start of the school year. We will provide a second piece of communication by the end of next week which will highlight FAQs and key calendar items.

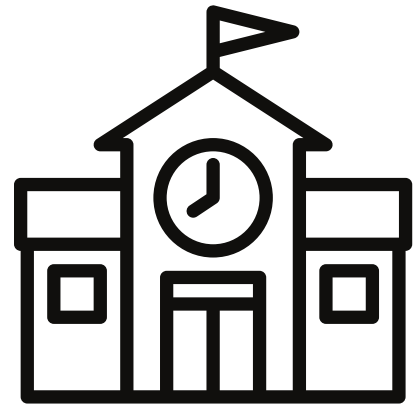
We want to be sure to plan wisely and make decisions based on the most accurate information available. We also want to be sure we are doing what is best for our community. Most importantly, we want to remain true to our mission regardless of what obstacles are in front of us. *Wheaton Christian Grammar School exists, under the authority of God and His Word, to educate, train, and nurture children for godliness and excellence, equipping them to engage and transform their world for Jesus Christ.*

Our top priority is to open our school safely and maintain those high standards so that students can continue to flourish in this environment. We are asking the Lord for wisdom, and we are confident that He will provide. *"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you"* (James 1:5). We are grateful for our team, the members of our Task Force Committees, our Board of Directors, and each one of you! We appreciate your prayers and would ask that you continue to pray for us during the coming weeks. We look forward to seeing you soon!

With confidence,
WCGS Administration

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RE-ENTRY AT A GLANCE



- WCGS remains committed to providing an exceptional school environment. We are implementing best practices advised by the CDC, IDPH, and ISBE regarding health, safety, and cleaning protocols. We will be providing numerous "mask breaks" throughout the day under safe parameters.
- Due to our large classrooms and small class sizes, we will be following our traditional, five days per week schedule with in-person instruction.
- Spiritual growth, biblical integration, and biblical worldview development will all continue to be central parts of the learning experience.
- We are prepared for adaptability this school year. Through our Learning Management System, we will provide a seamless transition for students who need to be at home for a given amount of time. We have purchased new cameras and laptops for our teachers as we seek to provide more instruction for at-home learners.
- We have built a Remote Learning Support Team which will provide service to students who are learning from home.
- While most of our families are ready to be back on campus, we fully understand that some are seeking a 100% remote experience, and we are prepared to respond to that need.

Health & Wellness

WCGS remains committed to providing a safe and healthy school environment for all students, faculty, and staff. To that end, we are utilizing best practices in the face of this pandemic, and are working to implement all essential health, safety, and cleaning protocols that have been advised by the CDC, IDPH, and ISBE.

Infection Prevention Steps

We have identified six key areas in which we are further bolstering infection prevention within our school community:

1. We will have a daily-certification process for all students, faculty, and staff to verify that they are symptom-free.

2. Promoting the requirements set forth by ISBE & IDPH for school reopening regarding appropriate physical distancing and face coverings while in the school building.

3. Increasing the instruction and practice of hand hygiene and other health-prevention behaviors.

4. Intensifying the frequency of disinfection of all surfaces within classrooms and common areas, as well as enhanced cleaning of all shared items as they are used throughout the school day.

5. Integrating additional whole-building cleaning methods proven to specifically mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

6. Vigilant monitoring of absenteeism within the school as well as ongoing communication with the DuPage County Health Department.

Safety Protocols & Guidelines



As of today, face coverings are required for our entire community at WCGS while in the building, unless an individual qualifies for a medical exemption.

Mask Breaks

We plan to provide numerous “mask breaks” throughout the day for students to remove their face coverings under safe parameters.

This would include:

- Snack time
- Lunch
- Recess
- Outdoor instructional time
- Outdoor specials
- Other planned breaks throughout the day

Illinois Guidelines for Face Coverings in Schools

According to the IDPH, all individuals in school buildings, including all public and nonpublic schools that serve students in prekindergarten through grade 12, must wear face coverings at all times unless they are younger than 2 years of age; have trouble breathing; or are unconscious, incapacitated, or are otherwise unable to remove the cover without assistance. Face coverings must be worn at all times in school buildings even when social distancing is maintained. Face coverings do not need to be worn outside if social distance is maintained. It is recommended that schools require physician notes for students and staff who are not able to wear a face covering due to trouble breathing.

COVID-19 Guidelines from the CDC



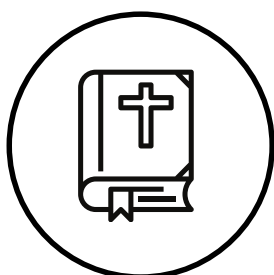
- A student must stay home 72 hours if he/she has a fever.
- We will provide a quarantine room on site if a student shows COVID-19 symptoms.
- We will follow CDC guidelines and ask for students to remain home 10 days (from first symptoms) if they have tested positive for COVID-19.

Distancing



- The school schedule will follow our traditional, five days per week schedule that we have had in the past. However, we have created staggered schedules that allow for minimal traffic in the hallways.
- We are investigating options for outdoor learning spaces on our campus, including outdoor classrooms (under tents). Teachers will be encouraged to maximize opportunities to transition outside when it is appropriate. While outdoors, students would be allowed to remove face coverings while maintaining physical distancing.
- Due to our large classrooms and smaller class sizes, we are able to provide physical distancing between desks in every classroom.
- Students will be given locker space, but it will be staggered by grade level to reduce the number of people in a given area when changing classes.

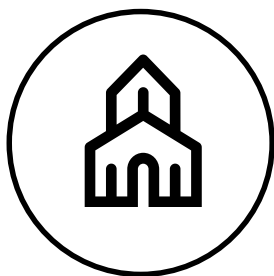
Spiritual Growth & Student Support



- Spiritual growth, biblical integration, and biblical worldview development will all continue to be central parts of the learning experience.

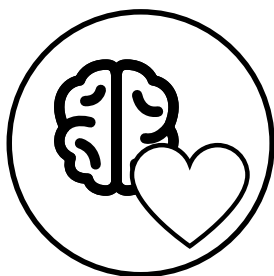
- We will continue to grow through chapels that will be delivered in smaller groups or through virtual opportunities.

- Connect Groups will continue to be a part of our junior high student-life experience.



- Faculty and staff will continue to receive training on topics of mental health, emotional well-being, and best practices to implement in the classroom. Teachers will continue to collaborate and consult with Student Services to meet the academic and emotional needs of our students.

- WCGS has a committed Student Services department with trained and certified staff. Student Services includes: the school social worker, school counselor, educational therapists, and nurses. These professionals are available to provide individual academic, emotional, and health support to students.



- As we return to learning, we have a plan in place to emphasize and address the needs of the social-emotional transition that will be critical for our student body.
- We will be intentional about building time into our schedule to review new protocols and procedures in a way that is age-appropriate.

Campus Life

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Specials will continue to be a part of the learning experience. Classes will move outdoors whenever possible and when it is instructionally appropriate.

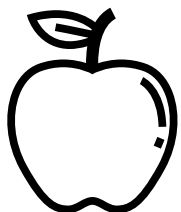
- P.E. will continue to take place outdoors or in the gym (locker rooms will not be used for changing clothes).
- Art and Music will continue to take place in their designated classrooms.
- Spanish and Library/MML teachers will travel to the homeroom classrooms for their instructional time.

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- P.E. will continue to take place outdoors or in the gym (locker rooms will not be used for changing clothes).
- Digital Art, Studio Art, and MML will continue to take place in their designated classrooms.
- At this time we are working through the classroom location and format of our Band, Orchestra, Choir, and Music Foundations. We will update you on these classes as we approach the start of the school year.

Lunch & Recess



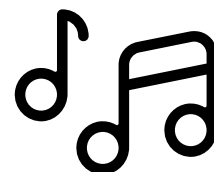
- Students will primarily eat lunch in their homeroom classroom, with supervision provided by the classroom teacher or our lunch supervisors.
- We are designing a rotating schedule for classes to eat in the Commons (in smaller group sizes) and outdoors (weather permitting). This will allow students to spread out in a different venue.
- Rooms will be disinfected before and after eating, prior to resuming classroom activities.



- An allergy-free area will be provided in all eating spaces, as needed.
- Hot lunch will continue to be offered, but we will be working with our vendors to be sure that the food is prepared and packaged with health guidelines in mind.
- Students will continue to have recess. We will provide more specific instructions to our teachers and recess supervisors to ensure health and safety on the playground and outdoor spaces.

Events

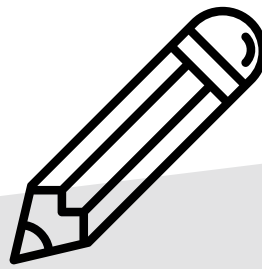
- In the coming weeks, we will provide more information on extra-curriculars, athletics, and school-wide events.



School Day & Technology

Enhancements & Adaptability

As we enter the 2020-21 school year, we will be adaptable as we approach the education experience. We learned countless lessons from this past spring as we walked through e-Learning. We have gathered feedback from families and studied best practices for off-campus learning. We realize that this year may include a higher rate of absenteeism for students at WCGS. Our plans are in place to provide a seamless transition for students who need to be at home for a given amount of time. We have built a Remote Learning Support Team which will provide service to students who are learning from home.



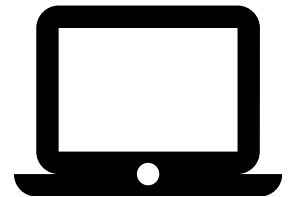
Our adaptability will allow students to continue to grow throughout the school year. In addition, if we were ever asked to shift to remote learning as an entire school community, we would be equipped to thrive in an at-home learning environment.

- Our team will provide live video interaction and instruction for students who are learning from home. Cameras and new laptops have been purchased for teachers as we seek to provide more instruction for at-home learners. Our adaptability in this area will help students who are absent continue their learning and have key interaction with teachers and aides.
- We will have a central Learning Management System (LMS) for all grade levels which will be used daily by teachers and aides to serve as a central location for interaction within each grade level. The LMS will provide updates, content, assignments, and tools for additional learning. It will provide a central location for students to upload completed assignments, navigate a class calendar, and ask questions directly to our teachers and aides. It will also serve as a central communication system between teachers and students which will result in fewer emails for families.
 - Kindergarten: Seesaw Platform
 - Grades 1-8: Renweb/FACTS LMS
- We are prepared to support families who are in need of an additional device.
- Our support team will check in with families who are learning from home. We want to increase the amount of interaction we have with at-home learners and regularly provide feedback on assignments and learning strategies.

100% REMOTE LEARNING



While most of our families are ready to be back on campus, we fully understand that some are seeking a 100% remote learning experience. In addition, the following components will be available as key enhancements if we are ever asked to shift to remote learning as an entire school community.



This experience would include:

- Grade level courses
- Content delivery
- Live and Pre-Recorded video instruction
- Assessment and feedback
- Specials
- Biblical integration
- Chapels
- Connect group (when applicable)
- The Learning Management System
- Direct partnership with our Remote Learning Support Team

If you are interested in 100% remote learning, please reach out to Mr. Painter by **Thursday, July 30**, so that we have an idea of the need at each grade level and can answer any questions you may have.

Exceptional Facility

Wheaton Christian Grammar School will continue the excellent cleaning, disinfecting, and ventilation practices that are in place, as well as meet/exceed the procedures and expectations that align with Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), Center for Disease Control (CDC), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) guidelines.



Hand sanitizer and disinfectant spray will be available in each classroom, as well as in the hallways.

Hand-washing will be modeled and practiced throughout the day.

Desks will be cleaned and disinfected daily.

Classrooms and high-touch areas in the building will be disinfected throughout the day by the custodial staff, and with a fogger once per week using an EPA-approved disinfectant.

Restrooms will be regularly cleaned and disinfected by the custodial staff.



We will take advantage of our new building which affords us to be at the leading edge of air quality. Our system allows us to draw in 20%+ of outside air into classrooms, as well as manage air flow throughout the day and seasons. Our system is unique in that we have independent air handling units for each room so cross contamination is minimized. If needed, we can adjust to 100% outside air.



Although the drinking fountains will be shut off, the touch-less filtered water bottle filling stations will be available for student and faculty use, and will be sanitized daily.

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QUESTIONS?

Please reach out if you have any questions. We are happy to help!

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