

# Atonement Lutheran School

## In-Person and Virtual Learning Opportunities for Fall of 2020

Challenging Times

Creative Solutions

Exciting Opportunities

### Mission and Goals

Mission: Teaching Children of God the skills needed for a lifetime of learning, worshiping, and caring so that the world sees Jesus in them.

Goals:

1. All lessons (whether virtual or in-person) will be created to address our curriculum that meets or exceeds the Missouri Learning Standards.
2. As much as possible common experiences will be provided for all learners (whether virtual or in-person).
  - a. All lessons will be created by our homeroom teachers.
  - b. All work that is graded will be the same for all learners.
  - c. Videos and conferences will be made available to individualize instruction for all learners.

### Guidelines

- In-person and Virtual learning will take place during the entire First Quarter. This unique option may be extended to the Second Quarter if there is a need.
- Parents will make a decision to have their child(ren) learn in the school building or in a remote setting. This decision will be for the entire First Quarter.
- Parents will pay the same tuition for either experience.

### Learning at School

- Building will be cleaned and sanitized. (see Operational Response Plan at [alcs-web.com](http://alcs-web.com)).
- Screening, social distancing, masks etc. will be enforced. . (see Operational Response Plan at [alcs-web.com](http://alcs-web.com)).
- Students MUST follow safety guidelines.
- Time will be given for frequent handwashing.
- A signed consent form to video record classes will be on file.
- Extended Care will be made available at \$5 per hour. (6:30 AM to 8:15 AM and 3:20 PM to 6:00 PM).
- Parents may begin picking up their child(ren) at 2:30 PM.
- The homeroom teacher will supervise an academic lab from 2:30 to 3:20 PM. Students that have not been picked up at 3:20 will go to Extended Care.
- The school will not be providing any lunches.
- All efforts will be made to minimize movement in the school building. i.e.
  - Lunches will be eaten in the classroom.
  - Middle School Teachers will rotate room to room instead of the students.
- The primary source of communicating classwork will be through Google Classroom.
- Friday attendance will be optional. The school building will be open and supervision provided for students that choose the in-person learning option. Friday is a day for individualized instruction and to make up or individually extend learning.

### Remote Learning

- Students must have access to technology.
- Students will agree to meet with homeroom teacher or class liaison at least twice per week.
- Students are responsible for watching all videos and completing all assignments on time.
- Students must be available to the teacher, staff or office from 10:00 AM to 3:20 PM daily.
- When live video or conferences are scheduled students must be present.
- The primary source of communicating classwork will be through Google Classroom.
- Students understand that they can email their teacher or class liaison at any time. They can expect a response when the teacher has time available.
- Students must sign a Technology Appropriate Use form prior to instruction.
- Students can expect 3 – 6 hours of school work each day.
- These guidelines will be adjusted for PK, Kindergarten and First Grade.



## Covid-19 Back to School FAQ

These answers are subject to change as new regulations and circumstances fluctuate.

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### ***What will the morning screening look like if my child(ren) attend school in the building?***

Before entering the building in the morning each student will turn in a *Daily Health Screening Form*. The questions on the form are the typical questions that you would answer at a health clinic. The form will include current phone numbers and emergency contact(s). We also will be taking the temperature of our students utilizing a touchless forehead thermometer.

### ***Will parents be able to enter the building?***

To minimize exposure to potentially sick individuals, we will be limiting visits into our building. Everyone, including teachers and staff, will need to have his/her temperature taken and submit a *Daily Health Screening Form*.

### ***Should I send my child to school if they are feeling sick even though I don't think it's Covid – 19?***

Students that are not feeling well should stay home. They may attend school virtually if they feel up to it. This in fact is the reason why we are working to make virtual and in-person learning as close to one another as possible using Google Classroom. There will be no perfect attendance prizes given. Please stay home if not feeling well as other illnesses are communicable as well.

### ***What about face masks/coverings?***

Staff and students in grades 4-8 will be required to wear a face mask/coverings while in the building. Exceptions are while eating and when exercising. Pre – Kindergarten through Third Grade students will need masks while in the hallway, bathroom or common area such as our Media Center. Students should bring their own masks. The school will have a backup supply.

### ***What if a student refuses to follow Social Distancing Guidelines or takes his/her mask off when they should be wearing it?***

For the health of all individuals it is imperative they follow all guidelines. Defiance of the guidelines will not be tolerated and the student will be asked to continue their education remotely.

### ***What about social distancing?***

We will endorse/enforce appropriate social distancing to the greatest extent possible both in classrooms and in public spaces.

### ***What about cleaning and disinfecting?***

We have purchased significant supplies in accordance with CDC and county health guidelines including foggers and humidifiers. There will be a nightly cleaning/disinfecting/sanitizing. High use areas will be cleaned during the day as well.

### ***Will students have recess?***

Yes, the students will have a supervised recess. Every effort will be made to keep classroom groups separate from each other.

### ***Will the school be providing lunch?***

At this time the school will not be providing lunch. Students should bring a sack lunch from home. Students will need to open their own lunch items in order to minimize contamination. Please do not send items such as a Lunchable or CapriSun if your child cannot open it.

***Will there be a Back to School Night on August 20<sup>th</sup>?***

There will be no Back to School Night. We will need to think of a creative way to connect teachers with parents at a later date.

***Will there be Extended Care (Child Care)?***

Yes, Extended Care will be provided Monday – Friday for students that have chosen to learn in-person. Morning care is provided from 6:30 to 8:15. After School Care will be provided from 3:30 to 6:00. The cost for care is \$5.00 per person.

***Will there be athletics this year?***

The St. Louis Lutheran Athletic League is meeting next week to decide how to move forward. We will communicate if there will be athletics this fall once we have a clearer picture as to what the league and neighboring schools are doing. Salem Lutheran School Black Jack has already communicated they will not be fielding teams this fall.

***Why isn't attendance mandatory on Fridays?***

Many of the larger school districts are providing virtual learning through a third source vendor. Our virtual experience is being led by our teachers with the help of Mr. Biesendorfer serving as the liaison for both virtual and in-person learning. We want all of our students to be on the same "page" and want the curriculum driven by the homeroom teacher. Planning, teaching, assessing and communicating with all of the students/parents will take extra time. Fridays will be a special day that will include time for planning, communicating with Mr. B, and office hours where needed instruction can be individualized. We do have our doors open for the in-person group as we know some parents may be burdened looking for child care for one day. Furthermore, we learned from our remote learning experience last year that communicating via email and/or Google classroom takes a lot of extra time. Also, by providing this extra time, students may explore individual learning experiences as well.

***The students in the building may be picked up at 2:30?***

Yes, they may be picked up any time from 2:30 to 3:20. Students will remain in their classroom for Academic Lab during this time. As parents/guardians pull up to the front of the school we will announce over the intercom who is ready to be picked up. The answer as to why we are doing this is stated in the answer above.

***What will Friday look like in the school building?***

The students will be divided into three groups – PK through Grade 1, Grade 2 through Grade 5, and the 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The three groups will be in three separate areas. The teachers will take turns in 2 hour shifts supervising a variety of activities. Teachers will also have a 2-hour window for office hours. The purpose for office hours is to communicate with students who need extra help and to provide individual learning experiences.

***Aren't the teachers being asked to do an awful lot of work beyond what they typically do?***

Yes. This pandemic has put everyone in the community under a lot of stress. We are working to provide the best for all of our families and students. In order to provide the best, we need to dig deeper for the benefit of our Atonement family.

***When will I inform the school of our choice to learn in-person or virtually?***

Mr. Biesendorfer will be sending a form to be filled out soon. An answer will be needed by Friday, August 7.

Thank you for trusting us as we venture forth together. Your prayers and support are appreciated.

