



# ST. MARY'S

## ACADEMY

Dear St. Mary's Families:

We are excited to welcome the class of 2024 to our community and to share with all of our families many of the details for opening school this fall. We have created an innovative schedule and hybrid model of instruction that we believe distinguishes the St. Mary's program and offers our students a rich, supportive educational experience and a safe way to return to school. This schedule is contingent upon Governor Brown's phasing approvals for Multnomah County.

### **Phase 1 Opening: Digital Learning**

If Multnomah County is in Phase 1 on August 24<sup>th</sup>, the school year will begin in an all-digital format using our [Extended Digital Learning protocol](#) and will remain digital until the county moves to Phase 2. We will continue with one week of digital learning during the first week of Phase 2 to allow the school community to transition to hybrid learning.

### **Phase 2 Opening: New Hybrid Learning Schedule**

Once Multnomah County is approved to enter Phase 2, the school will initiate the new hybrid learning schedule. As I mentioned in my last communication, our teachers will simulcast their classes using the Swivl technology, which allows all students to participate in their classes each day whether in person or at home. To facilitate this, we will be dividing the student body into two cohorts:

- Cohort A will be on campus Monday and Tuesday
- Cohort B will be on campus Thursday and Friday

To assist us in creating cohorts, please complete this short survey: [Parent Survey](#). We have many considerations in creating cohorts, and we will do our best to accommodate any special circumstances.

All students will receive live instruction and will be expected to attend all classes according to the posted bell schedule. Wednesdays will be a flexible schedule that will consist of scheduled academics, workshops, clubs, and activities. Our flexible Wednesday schedule also allows us to thoroughly clean the building between cohorts. We believe this schedule best supports a healthy and safe environment while allowing students to develop academically, spiritually, socially, and emotionally

This is a snapshot of the Phase 2 Hybrid schedule:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>COHORT A Yellow 1-4</b>	<b>COHORT A Blue 5-7</b>	<b>FLEX DAY</b>	<b>COHORT B Yellow 1-4</b>	<b>COHORT B Blue 5-7</b>
Arrival/Screening 7:30 to 8:20	Arrival/Screening 7:30 to 8:20	Staff Professional Development 8:00 to 10:00	Arrival/Screening 7:30 to 8:20	Arrival/Screening 7:30 to 8:20
Block 1 8:30 to 9:50	Activity Block 8:30 to 9:10	TA 10:00 to 10:15	Block 1 8:30 to 9:50	Activity Block 8:30 to 9:10
Block 2 10:00 to 11:20	Block 5 9:20 to 10:40		Block 2 10:00 to 11:20	Block 5 9:20 to 10:40
TA & Lunch 11:30 to 12:10	Block 6 10:50 to 12:10	<b>Flex Time</b>  Flex time will consist of scheduled academics, workshops, clubs, and activities	TA & Lunch 11:30 to 12:10	Block 6 10:50 to 12:10
Block 3 12:20 to 1:40	TA/Mass/Study 12:20 to 1:00		Block 3 12:20 to 1:40	TA/Mass/Study 12:20 to 1:00
Block 4 1:50 to 3:10	Lunch 1:10 to 1:40		Block 4 1:50 to 3:10	Lunch 1:10 to 1:40
	Block 7 1:50 to 3:10			Block 7 1:50 to 3:10

\*\*During class activities that are not amenable to streaming (laboratory sessions, PE activities, etc.) live-streaming classes may be limited to attendance, student check-ins, and individual work time.

### Attendance

Attendance will be required for all classes, whether on campus or online. We will notify parents if students are not participating in online or in-person classes.

### Lunch

This fall, we will encourage students to bring their own snacks and lunch each day. Our cafeteria will offer limited contactless delivery of boxed lunch options and a variety of “Grab and Go” options as well. Students will remain in their TA classroom for lunch.

### Lockers

For health and safety reasons, students will not use lockers for at least the first quarter of the school year.

### Face Coverings

In an effort to protect our community, all students, faculty, and staff will be required to wear a mask or face shield and keep it on at all times. Everyone who enters our building will be required to wear a face coverings.

## First Week Schedule

If Multnomah County is in Phase 1, we will email you a revised schedule for the first week.  
If Multnomah County is in Phase 2, this will be the schedule for the first week:

<b>St. Mary's Academy First Week Schedule</b>			
<b>Fri.</b> <b>8/28/20</b>	Freshmen Only	8:30am-11:30am	Group 1: Freshmen LINK Orientation
	Link Groups, based on TA, will be ready in August	8:30am-9:30am	Group 1: Freshmen Parent Gathering
<b>Mon.</b> <b>8/31/20</b>	Freshmen & Transfer Students Only	8:30am-11:30am	Group 2: Freshmen LINK Orientation
	Frosh Link Groups will be based on TA assignment and will be ready in August	8:30am-9:30am	Group 2: Freshmen Parent Gathering
		12:30pm-3:30pm	Group 3: Freshmen LINK Orientation
		2:30pm-3:30pm	Group 3: Freshmen Parent Gathering
		10:00am-12:00pm	Transfer Student Orientation
<b>Tues.</b> <b>9/1/20</b>	Freshmen Only	8:30am-11:30am	Cohort A: First Day of Class for Freshmen
	Cohort assignments will be ready in August	12:30pm-3:30pm	Cohort B: First Day of Class for Freshmen
<b>Wed.</b> <b>9/2/20</b>	All Students (Including Freshmen)	8:30am-11:30am	Cohort A: First Day of Class for All Students
	On-line only for all students	12:15pm-3:15pm	Cohort B: First Day of Class for All Students
			All Classes On-Line for Both Cohorts
<b>Thurs.</b> <b>9/3/20</b>	All Students (Including Freshmen)	8:30am-3:15pm	Cohort A: All Classes In-Person Cohort B: All Classes On-line
<b>Fri.</b> <b>9/4/20</b>	All Students (Including Freshmen)	8:30am-3:15pm	Cohort A: All Classes On-Line Cohort B: All Classes In-Person

This information is preliminary, and we will send out more details in the coming weeks including student schedules which you should plan to receive in mid-August. We will continue to communicate about fall sports as we receive updates from OSAA. Also, please be on the lookout for an invitation to attend a virtual parent meeting to address any questions, and if you have questions in the meantime, please email me at [nicole.foran@smapdx.org](mailto:nicole.foran@smapdx.org) or Liane Rae at [liane.rae@smapdx.org](mailto:liane.rae@smapdx.org).

Please know that, now more than ever, we are filled with faith, hope, and encouragement, and our top priority remains our students' safety, wellness, and academic and spiritual development. We know that together we are better, and we are so grateful to be in partnership with you as we walk this journey.

All my best,



Nicole Foran  
Principal