

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HIGH SCHOOL, INC.



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Health & Safety Plan Highlights

2020-2021 Message - "WE ARE ONE!"

As we journey through the 2020-2021 school year amidst COVID-19, know that together, we are one as we venture into the "new normal" that has been presented to us. We are genuinely grateful that you have chosen to continue to walk with us here at Nativity BVM High School. The course we navigate in academics, faith and service will not change as we are prepared to develop our students spiritually, academically, athletically and socially this school year and for years to come.

I want to highlight some important details within our Return to School Health and Safety Plan for Nativity BVM High School. Please know that this will be a fluid plan as we continue to receive more guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Diocese of Allentown but will be customized for our students here at Nativity BVM High School. I ask you to review the full plan on our school website www.nativitybvm.net. The following are just some highlights within our school plan which includes:

1. During our first week of school, scheduled to begin August 31st, we will only have one class report each day (Monday through Thursday) to review the new procedures and protocols that will be implemented.
 - a. Monday, August 31st – Freshman Report
 - b. Tuesday, September 1st – Sophomores Report
 - c. Wednesday, September 2nd – Juniors Report
 - d. Thursday, September 3rd – Seniors Report
 - e. **Friday, September 4th – ALL Students Report**
2. In accordance with the recent release from the Department of Education and the order from Dr. Levine, all students will be required to wear a mask on the school bus, upon entering the building, in the hallway and all common areas when traveling within the school building. Students will be able to remove masks when social distancing 6 feet apart is available to practice in a classroom setting.
3. Faculty and Staff will also wear masks or face shields in all common areas and in class unless there is a 6 foot social distance space from the students.

4. All Nativity BVM High School staff will be stationed to assist with daily pre-screening which will include temperature checks.
5. All classrooms have been set up in the same manner in which all desks are facing the front vertically spaced in accordance to the guidelines suggested by both the CDC and the Department of Education.
6. When possible, the cafeteria, and outside grounds of campus will be utilized to conduct instruction for larger classes.
7. All rooms within the building have hand sanitizing stations accessible for all students to use. Signage will be posted reminding students to wash their hands.
8. At the conclusion of each class period, students will be released in small groups to limit the number of students walking through the hallways. An additional minute of time has been extended to each class period for all students to transition with enough time to get to their next class period on time.
9. The custodial and maintenance staff will effectively clean all rooms within the school building on a daily basis. The products that will be used have been determined to be safe to clean and sanitize all surfaces without harmful effects to our students.
10. The cafeteria will have more tables spaced 6 feet apart with only 3 students maximum to a table in which students will be spaced 6 feet apart.
11. The gymnasium and all large common areas will be thoroughly sanitized on a daily basis or as needed when the areas are utilized.
12. In the event that we need to alter our in-person instruction, plans are in place for a hybrid model and an online model. It is extremely important that all students have up-to-date email and phone information on record at Nativity.

Please note that these are just a few of the highlights within our comprehensive plan to assure the safety and well-being of our students. Again, to review the plan in its entirety, please visit our website. Should you have specific questions or concerns about your student, please feel free to call or email so that we may address them.

Thank you and God bless.



Lynn A. Sabol
Principal