

**BEACHES  
CHAPEL  
SCHOOL**

**BACK TO  
SCHOOL  
GUIDE  
2020-2021  
ACADEMIC  
YEAR**



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# WELCOME BACK, LIONS!

School Begins With Orientation - Monday, August 10

Beaches Chapel School is planning a full return to campus on Monday, August 10 for our student orientation. This Back-to-School Guide outlines our positions and protocols for how we will successfully get back to building a solid academic and Christian foundation so that all students can reach their full potential in spirit, mind and body. Although there are many unknowns in our world at this time, we know this for certain: *Beaches Chapel is better together.*



Our administrators have met with consultants that are diligently preparing for the 2020-2021 school year to ensure a safe and productive campus environment. This team has worked tirelessly to plan for a variety of scenarios and potential issues and to provide recommendations for each situation as we focus on our full return to campus in August.

We truly appreciate the students, parents, faculty and staff for coming together these past several months to support each other during these unprecedented times. Your strength, resilience and passion for the school and its people have been inspiring to us.

No matter the situation, Beaches Chapel School will be operational and prepared to provide quality education with Godly principles. We hope you and your family are doing well and we look forward to seeing you soon.

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Beaches Chapel School plans to open the 2020-2021 school year on campus while monitoring CDC, state and local guidelines to ensure the safety and well-being of our students, faculty and staff.



# EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS



In an effort to help meet the needs of all students and families, we are offering two educational options:

1. Full Time On Campus Learning with three scenarios (see next page).
2. Remote Learning for the first nine weeks (8/11/20-10/6/20).
  - Must submit the form to enroll in remote learning by Tuesday, August 4.
  - Attend orientation for remote learners on August 10 from 10:30-11:00.
  - We will reevaluate this option towards the end of the nine weeks based on CDC guidelines and the Florida Department of Health.
  - Remote learning will not begin until the week of August 17.
  - We will be contacting you regarding dates and times for your child to come on campus for on site MAP testing.

# PREPARING FOR EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE

Although we are preparing for traditional on campus learning this fall, we must also make plans for the possibilities of having to move to the remote learning scenario if mandatory quarantines should be issued for an extended period of time.

You will find the three possible scenarios in which we will, or might, engage in this academic year: Traditional Learning, Brief Closure, and Remote Learning.



## TRADITIONAL LEARNING

Begin school on campus in the fall. Plan for online learning as needed. Cleaning and safety measures on campus are in place and BCS will stay in accordance with public health guidelines for large gatherings and events.



## BRIEF CLOSURE

If the health environment requires the campus or part of the campus to be closed, students will complete assignments at home. We will return to the campus when the health situation allows.



## REMOTE LEARNING

Beaches Chapel teachers will be ready to deliver teaching from a digital platform for an extended amount of time if it is required. The school has acquired additional technology to significantly enhance our remote learning.

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# PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE ILLNESS

Our goal is to provide a safe, clean and healthy learning environment. BCS will work to educate students, parents, faculty and staff about health promotion and illness prevention practices.

- **MASKS:** We require all students to bring a mask as a part of their school supply list. They must be solid black, white, gray, or navy. We support the wearing of masks and may recommend it in settings where we are not social distancing.
  - **SOCIAL DISTANCING:** Students, faculty and visitors will be encouraged to maintain a six-foot distance between one another. We are making plans for how to best adjust classrooms, large gatherings, and movement around the school.
  - **FACILITIES:** Our maintenance team will carry out cleaning protocols recommended by the CDC and Florida Department of Health. Enhanced cleaning will include disinfecting high-touch surfaces throughout the day and the use of our new electrostatic cleaning machine. In the event of a confirmed COVID-19 case on campus, we will carry out disinfecting protocols based on CDC and Florida Department of Health recommendations.
  - **VISITORS:** In order to help create the safest learning environment, visitors will be limited to parents and critically important visitors by appointment only. Other safety procedures will be in place upon your arrival.
  - **TEMPERATURE SCREENINGS:** Students, faculty and visitors will receive a temperature check at the beginning of the school day. Parents will partner with the school to ensure their child stays home if they have any symptoms or temperature.
  - **ISOLATION ROOM:** A room will be designated on campus to isolate sick students and employees before they leave campus. Additional disinfecting will take place in this room.
  - **FOOD SERVICES:** Students will be asked to bring a lunch from home to help with exposure from outside sources. We will offer special menu items that may be purchased each day. We ask that students do not purchase lunch to be delivered to help eliminate the traffic on campus.
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# OFFICE EXPECTATIONS/VISITORS



- Visitors will undergo temperature screening upon arrival.
- All visitors will be required to wear a mask when in the office.
- Visitors will be expected to maintain six feet distance when possible.
- A mask is required for those entering the office with an appointment.
- Sneeze guards will be placed in the office where visitors in the school may stand or approach.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be in the main, administrative, and church offices.
- Parents who wish to check out their child early should make arrangements with the teacher and/or office prior to arriving.
- In order to minimize traffic on campus, visitors must wait in the designated area until student or employee arrives in the office.
- Gates will be closed and locked during school hours.

# CLASSROOM OPERATIONS



- Faculty, staff and students will be trained in the areas of social distancing, good hygiene practices, respiratory etiquette and mask use to mitigate exposure.
- The teacher will be responsible for disinfecting desks and high touch areas in the classroom throughout the day.
- Maintenance team will routinely clean classroom and highly touched surfaces in the morning, afternoon, and evening. They will also clean with our electrostatic disinfectant sprayer.
- Desks will be arranged to account for social distancing. Students will be facing the same direction.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be in each classroom.
- Students and employees will use personal water bottles and water bottle filling stations instead of the drinking fountains. Bottled water will be available to purchase in the cafeteria during lunch.
- The teachers will limit the use of shared materials and spaces.
  - Keep student belongings separate and avoid sharing supplies.
  - Avoid sharing electronic devices, toys, books and other learning aids. When using the school iPads, additional cleaning procedures will take place.

## CAFETERIA



- There will be four staggered lunch times to help students social distance in the cafeteria.
- There will be spaced seating (utilize outdoor space as practical and appropriate).
- The cafeteria will be cleaned between each lunch period and disinfected at the end of the day.
- Students will bring their lunch to school in order to help prevent exposure to outside sources.
- Allow student hand washing before and after lunch.
- Hand sanitizing station in the cafeteria.
- Until further notice, parents will be asked to refrain from bringing lunch to their child.

## CHAPEL



- We worked with our pastors and head of facilities to determine the most effective and healthy way to deliver chapel services this fall.
- We decided to split chapel into two separate times to allow for social distancing during praise and worship.  
(8:30-8:50 K-5th grades / 8:55-9:15 6-12th grades)

# TRANSPORTATION



- All field trips will be put on hold until further notice. We plan to resume outside learning experiences once the risk of COVID-19 is insignificant.
- If FHSAA allows for athletic events this fall, all students, coaches, and drivers are required to wear a mask while on the bus.
- Parents are encouraged to bring students to and from events in order to reduce the number of bus riders.
- All riders, including the driver, will undergo a temperature screening before getting on the bus.
- Students will utilize spaced seating if possible.
- Hand sanitizer will be on the bus at all times.
- The bus will be cleaned and disinfected frequently.
- The bus will be disinfected with our electrostatic machine after each use.

# ATHLETICS



**Health and safety is our main priority. Due to COVID-19, there will be additional procedures in place for coaches, athletes and parents. Every athlete is REQUIRED to have their own masks available to them at all times during practices and games.**

- 6 feet of social distancing needs to be followed whenever possible.
- Hand sanitizer will be available during all practices and games for athletes, coaches, and spectators.
- If any athlete or coach has been exposed to someone who is tested positive for COVID-19, they will need to sit out of practices and games for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.
- If any athlete or coach is feeling ill or showing any symptoms of COVID-19, they will not be allowed to participate in practices or games until symptoms reside. If positive for COVID-19, they may not participate until they have two negative test results.
- Temperatures of every player will be taken before practice and games.
- Social distancing must be implemented when applicable.
- Attendance must be taken at every practice and game. It will be turned into the Athletic Department at the end of each week.
- Every athlete and coach must wash their hands before the start of every practice and game.
- Pennies, flags, etc. must be washed/disinfected after every practice. One per student, no sharing.
- Balls and other equipment must be disinfected before and after every practice/game.
- No high fives with other teams before or after the games.
- Avoid high fives or physical contact between athletes and coaches during practices and games.
- No sharing water bottles or personal equipment.

# GROUPS AND LARGE GATHERINGS



- Schedules will be staggered for group gatherings such as lunch and recess.
- We will utilize large spaces such as the Impact Center and outside spaces as weather permits for social distancing during lunch and other gatherings.
- We will follow FHSAA guidelines for sporting events and practices.
- Chapel times will be divided into lower and upper school to allow for social distancing during praise and worship.
- During events in the sanctuary, including morning chapel, students will be divided by grade levels and socially distanced.
- Cleaning protocols will be followed before and after gatherings.



# WHEN SOMEONE IS SICK AT SCHOOL



We expect there will be a normal amount of sickness throughout the school year, but we are taking extra measures to insure the safety of everyone's health during COVID-19.

- The isolation room will be the holding place for suspected COVID-19 cases, keeping those students, faculty and staff away from others.
- The office staff will use precautions (gloves, masks, etc.) when caring for sick people.
- Administration will be notified immediately if anyone on campus has a fever.
- Parents will be notified to pick up their child immediately in order to help prevent the spread of symptoms in our school.
- Students and employees will not return to school until they have been fever free for 48 hours.
- If your child or someone in your immediate family tests positive for COVID-19, it is your duty to report it to the school. You may not return to campus until we have documentation of negative test results.
- If there is a positive case of COVID-19 in our school, there may be a time period that we move to Brief Closure. After deep cleaning has occurred, we will be able to move back to traditional learning on campus.
- Administration will be diligent in communications regarding sickness in our school.

# TRADITIONAL LEARNING ON CAMPUS

## ADDITIONAL DETAILS



### ACADEMIC CALENDAR

At this time, we do not plan to make any changes to the academic calendar for the 2020-2021 academic year.



### ATHLETICS

We will abide by the Florida High School Athletic Association's guidelines for interscholastic sports and competition, while implementing our own additional safeguards.



### ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Our students in lower and upper school arrive at different times. Students need to adhere to the policies of arrival and dismissal on campus. Upper school health screenings will begin at 7:40. Lower school students health screenings will begin at 8:05. Please arrive in time to undergo health screenings and get to class on time. At dismissal, all students are to leave campus unless they are enrolled in STARS or are participating in a school practice or event. We appreciate all parents arriving on time for drop-off and pick-up each day.

### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

It is our plan to offer the STARS program, extended day and our after school help sessions.



# Beaches Chapel School

During this school year, it is very important for parents, students and faculty to partner together. The goal for getting back to school is to strike a healthy balance between the precautions we must take to minimize the risk and providing our BCS students with the educational, athletic, artistic, and spiritual experiences they deserve. While we will be diligent in our efforts to follow our health and safety protocols, we will employ common sense and provide love and nurturing to every student, every day.

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