

Calvary Academy Reopening Plan



**Academic Year
2020-2021**

A Message from Mrs. Stephanie Cruz

August 17, 2020

Dear Calvary Academy Family,

I want to share with you an important update on our plans for starting the new school year with our students physically on campus and in classrooms. Following thoughtful prayer and review of health guidelines and recent re-opening considerations, we believe we are well positioned to be able to safely return to full day, in person/in-class education.

In charting our path toward a full physical return to campus in September amid the unprecedented circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, Calvary Academy is committed to providing students, families, faculty and staff with a safety-conscious environment while continuing to provide an exceptional education and discipleship.

We fully recognize the challenges of accommodating health safety, ever-changing information and future unknowns coupled with our desire to return to traditional education. We, however, strongly believe the benefits of re-opening outweigh the risks. The benefits include ensuring a high quality of education delivery, addressing the emotional, social, spiritual and mental health considerations of our students, and valuing the home and work lives of our families.

While much of our school life will return to normal, it will not be business as usual. However, barring any unexpected governmental mandates, our plans are fully in motion for a full re-entry to campus and classroom-based education. We are anticipating a great year.

Our overarching strategies are to provide and promote appropriate safety protocols, healthy hygiene practices, increased cleaning and disinfecting, physical distancing as feasible, and enhanced monitoring procedures. As always, I pledge to you my transparency as we move forward.

Thank you for your support and continued prayers as we partner together for the good of our students and to the glory of God. We look forward to seeing you in September.

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephanie Cruz". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Mrs. Stephanie Cruz, M.Ed.

Principal

General Info

The health and wellness of our students, faculty, and families is our top priority.

Enhanced campus health measures and procedures include:

- Maintaining an adequate number of desks/tables with appropriate social distancing. We are committed to increased spacing between students as much as possible to maintain suggested distance. Desks/tables will be spaced out and facing the same direction.
- Providing alternate plans for lunch and chapel with social distanced options.
- Limiting campus visitors. While we highly value our parental involvement and look forward to getting back to our open-door culture, classroom and lunch visits will be suspended for the time being.
- Parents should check each student's temperature before school each morning, and prior to arriving on campus. Do not bring students to school with a temperature of 100° or higher, or if they are exhibiting any other signs of illness.
- Temperature checks will be monitored daily. Staff will take student temperatures with our no contact thermometers on student's wrist or mid-arm upon arrival in carline before exiting car; please be prepared with a sleeve rolled up in advance.
- If a student arrives with a temperature of 100° or higher, you will be asked to drive around to the gym entrance for the nurse to take a more accurate reading to determine admittance for the day.
- Students that drive themselves need to enter at the office entrance for temp check.
- Teachers and staff will have a temperature check upon arrival. They will also be required to self- monitor and take their own temperature before coming on campus each day.
- Parents will be asked to remain in their vehicles during morning and afternoon carline (grades K-12).
- Parents dropping off a student late or picking up a student early need to wear a mask and should buzz the lobby doorbell; they will be assisted by staff. Early pick-ups should be limited.



General Info

- Masks are encouraged and students need to have a mask with them each day; masks will be required at certain times during the day when social distancing is not possible (arrival, departure, changing classes in between periods, in nurse's office, and other times when social distancing is difficult to safely maintain,) unless wearing a mask would inhibit the student's health. **Calvary will respect decisions made by families in regard to wearing masks.**
- Students who wear masks should follow our dress code guidelines (solid color masks are preferred).
- Upon arrival in the classroom, students are encouraged to use hand sanitizer.
- Enhanced sanitation and health-risk mitigation that includes (but is not limited to) additional hand sanitizer stations, social distancing, desks spaced and facing one direction, and small class sizes.
- Temperature checks for all essential on-campus guests or vendors upon arrival.
- Regular disinfection of campus and school bus with a safe electrostatic sprayer with wrap-around technology.
- Frequent cleaning of multi-use, high-traffic spaces such as restrooms, gym, cafeteria, doorways, rails and hallways.
- Regular handwashing will continue to be encouraged, and hand sanitizers have been mounted on walls in classrooms, and in the school gym/cafeteria.
- Students will be encouraged to not share supplies and sharing of equipment/supplies will be minimized.



What if my child gets sick?



Because COVID-19 symptoms are common to many other illnesses, we ask all of our families and faculty/staff to follow this guide if any symptoms of illness occur. Confidentiality will be kept in accordance with privacy laws. Students are to remain home if they exhibit any of these symptoms. COVID-19 symptoms include:

- fever (100°) and above
- cough
- shortness of breath
- difficulty breathing
- chills
- repeated shaking with chills
- muscle pain
- headache
- sore throat
- new loss of taste or smell
- congestion or runny nose
- nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea

Possible Exposure Procedures: If you have traveled to any restricted areas while school is in session you must abide by the state quarantine requirements. If you believe you have been exposed to COVID, you need to report that to the school on the student absence/COVID form. On our website, you will find a link to report this on our homepage. Please know that this information is confidential.

Health Risk Mitigation

Two scenarios will be implemented if symptoms of COVID-19 occur:

SCENARIO 1:

Someone becomes ill during the day with fever and other symptoms of COVID-19.

- They will be isolated immediately in a designated space and evaluated by the school nurse. At that time, they will be required to wear a mask while waiting to be picked up and sent home.

When can they return to school?

- When they have been fever free without fever-reducing medication for 24 hours, and other symptoms of COVID-19 are no longer evident.

OR

- When they have been fever-free without fever-reducing medication for 24 hours and provide a note from their healthcare provider stating that the symptoms of illness are due to a non-COVID-19 diagnosis (e.g. strep throat, allergies, ear infection, etc.).

SCENARIO 2:

Someone tests positive for COVID-19.

- Our school nurse **MUST** be contacted immediately by emailing nurse@calvaryacademy.org or by calling 732-363-3633.
- The nurse will follow procedures per NJ Dept. of Health and local authorities protocol.
- If a positive case within a classroom occurs, we will consult with the NJ DOH and follow their guidance.
- To be considered "exposed", someone must be within 6 feet of an infected individual (without a mask) for over 15 minutes starting from 48 hours before the person began feeling sick until the time the patient was isolated.

When can they return to school?

- IF SYMPTOMATIC | When they have been fever-free without fever-reducing medication for 72 hours, and other symptoms of COVID-19 have improved, and at least 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

OR

- IF ASYMPTOMATIC | When at least 10 days have elapsed since the first diagnostic test and they have not developed any symptoms.

Pre-K - Elementary

Classroom:

- All classes meet on campus as normally scheduled.
- Parents dropping off or picking up Pre-K students need to wear a mask and are asked to not enter the classroom.
- Desks will be spaced in accordance with social distancing guidelines
- Masks are not required, but are optional, when social distancing can be maintained; students should have a mask with them each day for when social distancing is not possible.
- All students will use their own individual classroom supplies.
- Desks/Tables will be cleaned frequently throughout the day.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided in each classroom and frequent hand washing will take place. We do request that parents please send in additional hand sanitizers and disinfecting wipes for classroom usage.

Specials:

- When appropriate, students will travel to specialty classrooms.
- PE will take place outside as much as possible.

Chapel:

- Students will be in the sanctuary and socially distanced by class; masks may need to be worn only if social distancing is not possible.

Lunch:

- Elementary students will eat in a classroom with desks that are socially distanced until it is appropriate to return to the cafeteria.
- Students need to bring lunch with them each day.

Recess:

- Two classes will be permitted to play in each area outside for recess at the same time. They will be permitted to play in several areas during recess. For example: the play equipment/swings/ basketball courts/or soccer fields.

Middle School-High School

Classroom:

- All classes meet on campus as normally scheduled.
- Desks will be spaced in accordance with social distancing guidelines
- Masks are not required, but are optional, when social distancing can be maintained; students should have a mask with them each day for when social distancing is not possible.
- All students will use individual classroom supplies.
- Desks will be spaced out and cleaned throughout the day.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided in each classroom. We do request that parents please send in individual hand sanitizers for their children to keep at their desk, and please also send in disinfecting wipes.
- Travel between classrooms and other spaces will be guided by directional signage and distancing recommendations to reduce incidental contact.
- Masks are encouraged and may be required at certain times during the day (arrival, departure, walking in the halls in between periods, in nurse's office and other times when social distancing is difficult to maintain).
- Upon arrival and throughout the day, students must go directly to class and remain in there until class begins, they may not linger in hallways or elsewhere.
- Bells will be staggered for changing classes to promote social distancing.

Chapel:

- Students will be in the sanctuary and socially distanced by class; masks may need to be worn only if social distancing is not possible.

Lunch:

- Upper school students will eat in a variety of locations to ensure that social distancing can take place: Cafeteria, Joy Center, classrooms, Picnic tables outside with social distancing, balcony of the church, etc.
- Students must bring their lunch with them each day. (International lunches provided)

Gym:

- On Gym days, students are to wear their gym uniform to school, in accordance with dress code guidelines. There will be no changing in and out of uniform on gym days.
- Gym clothes are not permitted on non-gym days.

Virtual School Option

We can accommodate families that desire the high-quality education of Calvary Academy, but would prefer an online option at the current time for personal reasons.

Our teachers will be transmitting live instruction as well as recorded instruction using the Microsoft office 365 platform.



If you would like to inquire about this option and to ensure that your child has what they need for remote learning, please contact Mrs. Stephanie Cruz principal@calvaryacademy.org or sgreenwood@calvaryacademy.org.

Please note the following:

- Tuition will remain the same as in-class instruction.
- You can switch back to in-class instruction at any time with prior principal notification/approval.
- If you start school in person, you can switch to remote learning with prior principal notification/approval.

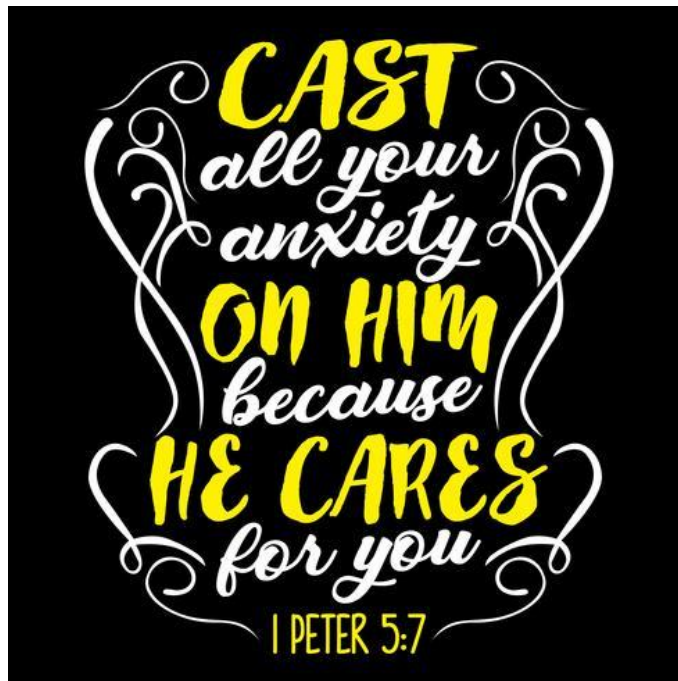
Additional Programming

Before School Care:

- Students being dropped off before the start of school will be greeted at the Elementary door by staff and temperature will be taken. Parents must wear masks and will be asked to not enter the classroom.
- Students will be socially distanced within the room and staff will monitor the group.

After School Care:

- Students will play on the playground when weather permits.
- Parents will enter Building C using their PIN code and must wear a mask. Parents will be asked to wait at the entry table for the teacher to help your child pack up. Your child will be sent out to you in the hallway. Parents may not enter the classroom.



Attendance Policy

Students must not exceed the allowable amount of absences in order to be awarded credit for the course and/or to be promoted to the next grade. Remote learners need to be on time for class.

Attendance Policy

ELEMENTARY	UPPER SCHOOL
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Max yearly absences: 25	Max yearly absences: 15
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Excused or unexcused

This requirement remains in effect during the 2020-2021 school year; however, given the public health situation, we will work with any family that has a COVID-19 case or other serious medical situation. Please contact the school nurse or Mrs. Cruz to discuss extenuating circumstances.

Late Arrivals: PK-5th grade at elementary entrance through 8:20, at main school entrance after 8:20 a.m. 6th – 12th grade enter at main school entrance. Late arrival students will have their temperature checks at these entry points. Parents need to wear masks and are asked to not walk past the entry table or reception desk, or to enter the classroom.

All for HIM!

Calvary acknowledges God's provision and blessings. We're very excited to welcome our families onto campus this September, and look forward to this school year together, united AS ONE.

These plans are subject to change as we learn more about the coronavirus and counter-measures throughout the year. We are committed to remaining fluid as we adjust to emerging situations. Please be patient with us and know that we will continue to be transparent and will keep you updated to the best of our ability.

To keep our campus open and to enjoy the Calvary Academy full educational experience, we will need our students, families, faculty and staff to follow all protocols implemented by the school. Therefore, we respectfully request everyone's full support and participation in making this work. Thank you in advance for your love, prayers and support!

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6

