

PREP FORWARD

2020-21 Re-Opening and Academic Year Plan



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As we prepare to welcome our students back to campus on August 26, our leadership team, faculty, staff, and medical experts have worked to develop a plan to guide both our campus reopening and the 2020-21 academic year. *Prep Forward* – nearly two months in the making – has reminded us that reopening school is not an event but a process.

We have committed to providing a safe and healthy campus for our students, families, faculty and staff and to delivering an exceptional and flexible educational experience. *Prep Forward* describes what life in the school, classes, and other campus activities and experiences will look like in the upcoming year and what all of us will need to do to keep each other safe and healthy throughout the year.

Community is essential to Benedictine spirituality and practice. Saint Benedict's Rule directs us to *listen* to each other, not so much as an auditory experience but rather as a way of caring for the needs and interests of all in our community. He urges us not to pursue what is best only for ourselves, but rather what is best for others around us and those close to us (RB72:7). That is wise counsel anytime, but particularly now during the pandemic.

Prep Forward requires your full engagement. We ask that our entire community work together over the coming year to help ensure the health and safety of all of us. Working together, committing to each other's well-being, we can make our school a safer and healthier place. And we will model and reflect the values central to the Prep experience, supporting each other each step of the way.

We will communicate with you regularly during the school year, particularly as guidance about pandemic conditions changes and evolves. We will be proactive in anticipating and meeting the needs of our students, faculty, staff, and families throughout the year. If you have questions about *Prep Forward*, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are deeply grateful for your continued support of Saint John's Prep!

Jon McGee
Head of School

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HIGHLIGHTS

As we have prepared to open this fall, we have committed to providing a safe and healthy campus for our students, families, faculty and staff and to delivering an exceptional and flexible educational experience. *Prep Forward* describes what life in the school and residence hall, classes, and other campus activities and experiences will look like in the upcoming year and what all of us will need to do to keep each other safe and healthy throughout the year.



Daily Symptom Screening

Each day, all students, faculty, staff and visitors must complete and submit a COVID-19 symptom screener indicating that they are symptom free when they enter the building.



Personal Protective Equipment

Students, faculty, staff and visitors must wear cloth face coverings or masks within the school building throughout the day to reduce the risk of disease transmission.



Multi-Modal Instruction

We will deliver our curriculum in multiple formats: live in-person, remote live (every class will be broadcast live via Zoom), and remote recorded (recorded Zoom classes available to all students).



Classroom Configuration

All classrooms will be set to physical distancing guidance suggested by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Students will sit in forward-facing, diamond patterns. Middle School and Upper School dismissal times will be staggered to reduce the number of students in hallways during passing times.



Athletics and Activities

We will follow Minnesota Department of Health and Minnesota State High School League guidance for athletic, club, and academic team competition and practices.



Building Cleaning and Maintenance

Our building and residence hall will be cleaned daily throughout the week. Cleaning and disinfection will follow CDC guidance. Faculty and staff will clean high-touch areas throughout the day, including desks, tables, and doorknobs.

PLANNING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

In their June 25, 2020, guidance for school re-opening, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) strongly advocated that all policy considerations for the coming school year start with a goal of having students physically present in school. They noted that “schools are fundamental to child and adolescent development and well-being and provide our children and adolescents with academic instruction, social and emotional skills, safety, reliable nutrition, physical/speech and mental health therapy, and opportunities for physical activity, among other benefits.”¹ At the same time, they also said that schools must be guided by safety and well-being, flexible and nimble in responding to new information, and willing to refine approaches when specific policies are not working. We share the AAP’s commitment to the importance of onsite learning but also have planned with safety, flexibility, and adaptability in mind as we prepare for the fall semester at Saint John’s Prep.

We are preparing to open for regular instruction on August 26, 2020, welcoming students back to campus and to Saint Michael Hall with appropriate health and safety protocols for students, faculty and staff.

Because we do not know how the COVID-19 pandemic will continue to evolve, we have planned for simultaneous onsite instruction and eLearning. Irrespective of the mode of instruction, we will deliver learning experiences that maintain our commitment to a highly personal and academically exceptional learning experience for all our students. We will revise and adapt *Prep Forward* as necessary as conditions change throughout the year.

Our plan for re-opening and the 2020-21 academic year is based on several key commitments:

- **We have prepared for the entire 2020-21 academic year.** We are prepared to toggle between regular instruction and eLearning throughout the year as necessary or required.
- **We will provide exceptional academic, co-curricular and community experiences irrespective of the method of instruction.**
- **We have developed health and safety plans and protocols intended to *reduce* the risk of infection and transmission among our students, faculty and staff, families, and school guests.** While we have taken risk reduction steps beyond those required in guidance issued to schools in Minnesota, no safety standards or protocols can fully eliminate the risk of transmission while at school.
- **As we made decisions about campus safety, we have considered current guidelines issued by health care professionals, the Governor and public health organizations.** We will fully comply

¹ <https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-planning-considerations-return-to-in-person-education-in-schools/>

with any broad shelter-at-home order or statewide school closures or suspensions issued by the Governor.

As we planned for the 2020-21 academic year, we have prioritized the safety and health of our students, faculty, staff, and families. We also have made decisions consistent with our mission, purpose, vision and values, which direct us to a sustained commitment of academic excellence.

We have four broad goals for the 2020-21 academic year:

1. Through safety and distancing practices and appropriate health and cleaning practices, reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure and transmission to students, faculty, staff, families and guests.
2. Provide as much continuity, cohesion and support throughout the year as possible to ensure effective and continuous student learning and development.
3. Effectively use technology to ensure continuous access to learning.
4. Provide students, families, faculty and staff with clear and consistent communication related to changing pandemic conditions and safety requirements throughout the academic year.

Prep Forward was developed by the faculty, staff, and leadership of Saint John's Prep:

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- Staff: Br. Richard Crawford OSB, Stacey Schrupp, Cindy Haagenon, Angie Baszler, Sandy Ernst, Micah Whalen, and Jill Pauly.
- Leadership Team: Ryan Brandon, Christine Glomski, Laura Hartog, Sherry Krebsbach, Jon McGee, and Aaron Miller.

We deeply appreciate the expert guidance provided by our medical advisors:

- Eileen Dauer, MD, St. Cloud Ear Nose & Throat
- Christopher Wenner, MD, Wenner Family Medicine Clinic

The *Prep Forward* plan and its appendices were reviewed by legal counsel. On July 14, 2020, the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents reviewed and approved the plan on behalf of the Board of Regents.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PRACTICES AND PROTOCOLS

Saint John's Preparatory School is committed to providing a safe and healthy campus for students, faculty and staff, families, and visitors. Our health and safety practices, developed with the assistance of healthcare professionals and using guidance prepared by the Center for Disease Control, the Minnesota Department of Health, and the American Academy of Pediatrics seek to reduce the risk of transmission of the COVID-19 virus. We will update and amend these practices and protocols as medical and public health guidance about the disease changes and evolves.

COVID-19 is an infectious disease that causes viral respiratory illness. The disease spreads from person-to-person by nose and mouth droplets when someone who is infected coughs, sneezes or exhales. The droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people nearby.² Our health and safety protocols for the school reflect these facts. We will modify them as new facts or best practices are developed and identified. Symptoms of COVID-19 include: new onset cough or shortness of breath by themselves OR any of the following: fever (100.4°F or higher), chills, muscle pain, sore throat, loss of sense of smell or taste, and gastrointestinal symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, or nausea.³ Not everyone with COVID-19 has all of these symptoms, and some people may not have any symptoms.

*We strongly encourage families, faculty and staff to seek a COVID-19 test if they experience symptoms consistent with the disease. The Minnesota Department of Health provides an online screening tool at <https://mn.gov/covid19/for-minnesotans/if-sick/is-it-covid/> to help identify whether people should be tested.

COVID-19 SYMPTOM SCREENING

We will require all families to sign a *Social Safety Compact and Statement of Informed Consent* (included with the *2020-21 Student and Parent Handbook*) prior to the beginning of the school year committing to the school's health and safety practices.

WE will be vigilant with symptom screening. In order to enter the school each day, all students, faculty and staff must submit a completed symptom screening form. The school will provide all families with printable screener forms. Residential life staff will work with boarding students to symptom screen daily before leaving Saint Michael Hall. Students who leave the building during the school day (e.g. lunch at the Refectory, doctor appointment, etc.) will not need re-screening upon return that day.

² Minnesota Department of Health.

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/basics.html>

³ <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/symptoms.html>

All visitors to school, including University and Abbey employees, will be temperature screened at the school entrance and required to complete a form certifying that they are COVID-19 symptom-free prior to entering the building.

MASKING AND PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Students, faculty, and staff must wear cloth face coverings or masks within the school building throughout the day.⁴ Masks and face coverings will not be required for visiting children under age 2, for faculty and staff when they are alone in their offices or classrooms, for instrumental music classes, or for outdoor activities like athletic practices and contests or physical education classes.

To minimize transmission risk as people arrive at school each day, staff and students should put on masks or face coverings as soon as they leave their cars or vehicles when they arrive.

Students, faculty, and staff are responsible for providing and caring for their own face coverings. The school will provide masks to visitors and guests who do not have them on arrival. The school will maintain a supply of face masks for emergency or guest use. We will connect students and families to resources that provide guidance about how to protect themselves from COVID-19 and how to care for and maintain their face masks and face coverings.

All students, faculty and staff must wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before they enter and after they leave classrooms, offices, or community spaces. We will place hand sanitizing stations in every classroom and in the hallways. We have included hand sanitizer on the back-to-school supply list.

All faculty and staff will receive face shields to use as they deem necessary or appropriate. We have installed plexiglass at the front desk in the Main Office and identified appropriate distance markers throughout the school. Faculty or staff who temperature test students, staff or visitors requires will wear a face shield, a face mask, and gloves.

ILLNESS POLICY

All families, faculty and staff must notify the school if they, their student, or someone in their immediate family tests positive for COVID-19 or if they are known to have been exposed to anyone close to them who has tested positive for COVID-19. All health information reported to the school will be treated as confidential in accordance with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) privacy regulations.⁵ The school will notify our assigned nurse from District 742 of any positive COVID-19 test among students or exposure to COVID-19. Following guidance by the Minnesota Department of Health, students or staff who have close contact with someone who has been told by a

⁴ Those with conditions that do not allow face masks may wear alternative face coverings.

⁵ <https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/security/laws-regulations/index.html>

doctor, clinic or hospital that they have COVID-19 should watch for symptoms and stay away from school for 14 days.⁶

Students and staff who exhibit symptoms associated with COVID-19 must stay home. Families, faculty, and staff should contact their medical provider if they have questions about symptoms. Students or staff who become sick at school will be separated from all others and sent home as soon as possible. Parents or family are expected to pick up sick students as soon as possible after having been notified.

We will follow the Minnesota Department of Health COVID-19 Exclusion Guidelines regarding isolation for illness.⁷ Anyone who has been exposed to someone close to them who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 must stay home, self-monitor and follow the Exclusion Guidelines regarding isolation for illness. Students, faculty and staff who test positive for COVID-19 must stay away from school for at least 10 days from the onset of symptoms AND until they are fever-free for at least 3 days without medication AND experience improvement of any other symptoms.

[POSITIVE COVID-19 TESTS AND CAMPUS CLOSURE](#)

The school will notify our assigned nurse from District 742 and the Minnesota Department of Health for any student who tests positive COVID-19. That information will be treated as confidential in accordance with HIPAA regulations. School leaders will coordinate and cooperate with local and state health officials on contact tracing and any subsequent required school action. **We encourage families to talk with their students about confidentiality of health records and the loss of privacy that results from posting information about their own or someone else's health information on social media.**

Saint John's Prep will follow all mandates issued by the Minnesota Department of Health or the Governor regarding campus closure for contact tracing or broader school and community closures. In the event the campus closes discontinue onsite instruction, we will fully implement remote and distance learning.

[DROP OFF, PICK-UP AND VISITS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY](#)

Regular school policy that allows parents and family to enter the building during the day for pick-up or drop-off or to drop off school materials or forms will be limited. Students will be allowed to enter the building after 7:30 a.m. Parents and family must drop-off and pick-up students outside of the school building. If a student needs to be picked up early or for an appointment during the school day, a parent or family member must call the school to notify of their arrival.

⁶ <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/sick.html>

⁷ <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/exguide.pdf>

In cases of medical emergency, a required meeting with the principal or faculty, or another reason deemed appropriate, parents or family members will be asked to complete a temperature check and symptom assessment at the school entrance and will be asked to wear a mask during the time they are in our buildings.

Because we will work to minimize traffic in the school building, we discourage families from dropping off lunches, homework, or other items left at home after the school day begins.

CLASSROOM SETTING AND COMMON SPACES

In their report, the American Academy of Pediatrics noted that “evidence suggests that spacing as close as 3 feet may approach the benefits of 6 feet of space, *particularly if students are wearing face coverings and are asymptomatic.*” We will follow AAP guidance in setting classrooms. All classrooms will be set with students separated by a *minimum* of 3-4 feet (1 to 1.25 meters) and arranged in forward-facing, diamond patterns. Please note that changes in pandemic conditions or new public health guidance could result in more restrictive classroom configurations. Physical distancing requirements may result in reduced classroom capacity, requiring some classes to either be broken into smaller sections in multiple rooms or to move to larger spaces. Small group and lab work must maintain social distancing standards.

We will stagger class dismissal times between the Middle School and the Upper School to reduce the number of students in hallways during passing times. Passing times are limited to no more than five minutes. We will manage directional traffic in the center staircase of the Upper School to minimize physical contact during passing times and throughout the day.

Drinking fountains throughout the building will be disabled but we will keep filling stations active. We recommend that students bring their own labelled water bottles to utilize these hydration stations. Bathrooms throughout the school will be available to students, faculty and staff but with clearly marked limited capacity. We will significantly reduce hallway and common area furniture to limit social gathering throughout the school.

The Weber Center will be used as the primary student gathering space. Tables and chairs will be set to insure appropriate physical distancing. The Fishbowl may be converted to a classroom and will not be available to students as a lounge. All students must use the library, the Weber Center, open classrooms or other specifically designated spaces for study hall and open periods.

Saint Michael Hall gym spaces will be available for gym classes and recreational use, but those activities must follow *StaySafeMN* guidelines for recreational physical distancing.⁸

Outdoor facilities (e.g. Sag Field, Radio Tower Field) will be available to the Prep community for activities and athletic contests (as allowed by the Minnesota State High School League). Fan seating at outdoor athletic contests will be set to follow Minnesota social distancing guidelines for outdoor gatherings.

LUNCH

Because both our grab-and-go café food will be limited this year and because seating at the Refectory and Sexton Commons will be limited throughout the year, **we recommend that students in both the Middle School and the Upper School bring their own lunches as often as possible.**

The Weber Center will serve as a primary eating space during the 2020-21 school year. It will be set to ensure appropriate physical distancing. Weather permitting, Upper School students will be encouraged to eat outside. Other spaces available for lunch will be clearly designated. Upper School students will be permitted to go to the Refectory for lunch, though the University plans to limit occupancy in both the Refectory and Sexton Commons.

END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

In order to limit student contact and the transmission and spread of COVID-19, all students must leave the school building by 3:30 p.m. unless they are participating in a school-sponsored activity (e.g. clubs, athletics, academic teams, theater), proctored after-school study, or have received permission from the school to remain in the building.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE/SAINT MICHAEL HALL

Saint Michael Hall will operate as a “family unit” for social distancing purposes. Only residents and approved visitors may enter the villages of Saint Michael Hall. As a designated family unit, residents of Saint Michael Hall will not be required to universally wear masks in their respective living villages. All residential students will be assigned single rooms during the 2020-21 school year.

⁸ <https://mn.gov/covid19/for-minnesotans/stay-safe-mn/stay-safe-plan.jsp>

Residential Life staff will manage daily health and safety protocols inside Saint Michael Hall including taking temperatures and symptom checking, instruction about how to wear and clean face masks, and ensuring students who require isolation because of illness are appropriately cared for.

Staff and visitors permitted to enter Saint Michael Hall during the year include Life Safety and emergency responders; custodial, maintenance, and Physical Plant staff; IT Services staff; and, subject to review and approval by the Director Residence Life, family members of students. Except in cases of medical emergency, all visitors to Saint Michael Hall must complete and submit a temperature and symptom check prior to entering the living villages or common spaces and will be required to wear a mask during the time they are present in the living village or common spaces.

BUILDING CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Building cleaning and disinfecting of facilities will align with CDC cleaning and disinfecting School Guidance. Prep facilities staff and staff from our professional cleaning staff, Envirotech, will clean the school and Saint Michel Hall daily throughout the week. Faculty and staff will clean high-touch areas throughout the day, including desks, shared tables, doorknobs, common areas in the residence hall villages and lab spaces and equipment.

CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION

MULTI-MODAL INSTRUCTIONAL DELIVERY

We are preparing our curriculum to ensure that all of our students have access to their classes and teachers whether they are physically present on campus or not. We will deliver our curriculum in multiple formats throughout the year: live in-person, remote live (synchronously via Zoom – meaning every class will be broadcast live via Zoom), and remote recorded (asynchronously, making recorded Zoom classes available to all students). Our goal is to accommodate the needs of our students and families as flexibly and comprehensively as possible, to continuously provide a rigorous and exceptional academic experience to all of our students, and to position us to adapt to the demands of public health conditions as they change.

Every classroom at all grade levels will be equipped with a tripod-mounted iPad for faculty to stream each class via Zoom for students at home participating in synchronous learning. In addition, all classes will be recorded and posted via Schoology, allowing students unable to attend classes on campus to participate in asynchronous learning. Faculty will use handsfree microphones and voice amplifiers to ensure those not in the classroom can hear instruction clearly.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

We expect to maintain the 2020-21 academic calendar posted on Connect2Prep and Schoology. We will notify families in advance if pandemic conditions require a change in the school year calendar.

Key dates for 2020-21 include:

August 26	First Day of Fall Term and Opening Convocation
November 25-27	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 15-17	First Semester Final Exams
January 6	First Day of Spring Term
February 1-4:	Interim Week
March 1-5	Spring Break
April 1-5	Easter Break
May 24-26	Second Semester Final Exams
May 28	Commencement

DAILY CLASS SCHEDULE

Barring adjustments required by changing pandemic conditions, we will operate an eight-period class day throughout the academic year, with passing times of four minutes between classes. We will periodically use an extended period schedule (typically known as “double periods”) to accommodate science labs.

School Day Schedule

Regular Schedule	Class Start	Class End
Period 1	8:00 AM	8:40 AM
Period 2	8:45 AM	9:25 AM
Colloquium (20 minutes)	9:30 AM	9:50 AM
Period 3	9:55 AM	10:35 AM
Period 4	10:40 AM	11:20 AM
Middle School Lunch	11:25 AM	12:10 PM
Upper School Period 5	11:25 PM	12:05 PM
Middle School Period 5	12:15PM	12:55PM
Upper School Lunch	12:10 PM	12:55 PM
Period 6	1:00 PM	1:40 PM
Period 7	1:45 PM	2:25PM
Period 8	2:30 PM	3:10 PM

Extended Period Schedule	Class Start	Class End
Period 1 or 2	8:00 AM	9:25 AM
Colloquium (20 minutes)	9:30 AM	9:50 AM
Period 3 or 4	9:55 AM	11:20 AM
Lunch (55 minutes)	11:25 AM	12:20 PM
Period 5 or 6	12:25 PM	1:40 PM
Period 7 or 8	1:45 PM	3:10 PM

All students must use the library, the Weber Center, open classrooms or other specifically designated spaces for study hall and open periods. Students may not gather in hallways for their open periods or study hall.

GRADING AND ASSESSMENT

The primary purpose of grading is to provide feedback and to communicate academic achievement and progress to students, their families, and staff. Saint John’s Prep is committed to principles that define a clear and accurate grading and reporting system. We use Schoology as our reporting system. The grading and reporting system are intended to:

- Reflect academic achievement.
- Contain meaningful feedback.
- Be fair, accurate, specific, and timely.

We will utilize the following unified scale to award letter grades during the 2020-21 school year:

A	100-93%
A-	92-90%
B+	89-88%
B	87-83%
B-	82-80%
C+	79-78%
C	77-73%
C-	72-70%
D+	69-68%
D	67-63%
D-	62-60%
F	59% and below

COMMUNICATION OF GRADES AND PROGRESS

Communication is critical to student success. Faculty will keep Schoology current for student and parent access. Gradebooks are updated weekly, and faculty will communicate academic progress to parents/guardians on a consistent basis. They typically will respond to emails and phone calls within 24 hours between Monday through Friday. Faculty will upload an updated course syllabus to Schoology prior to the start of each semester.

DISTRICT 742 BUSING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Students who live within the boundaries of District 742 historically have had the option of taking a bus to Prep's campus. The district has not yet shared with us their plans for fall 2020. However, we expect that if bus service to Prep is provided, physical distancing requirements will limit both seating and ride times. Consequently, we encourage families to plan in advance for alternative transportation arrangements both to and from school.

SCHOOL COMMUNIICATION

Similar to any school year, we will communicate regularly with families throughout the 2020-21 academic year. Any major announcement of a change in instruction or school closure related to COVID-19 will occur with messages through Constant Contact, Schoology, and posts to our website (www.sjprep.net).

ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

We are not yet certain how many co-curricular events and activities we will be able to offer in the upcoming school year. However, we will follow *StaySafeMN* guidelines to determine how and if we can provide and support those activities. The guidelines currently limit both indoor and outdoor events and entertainment to no more than 250 people (with appropriate physical distancing). We will monitor changing guidelines throughout the year and make decisions about activities and community events guidelines as conditions and guidance allow.

We will follow guidance of the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota State High School League for athletic, club and academic team competition and practices, and *StaySafeMN* guidelines on youth and adult sports activities.⁹ For organized sports of all ages, current requirements limit team or group sizes for non-game settings (e.g. practices) to no more than 25 people per group for both indoor or outdoor practices.

COACHES, VOLUNTEERS AND MODERTORS

Coaches, volunteers and moderators are expected to model and follow all school expectations and policies in relation to health and safety practices. Our Activities Director will provide them with direction, guidance and support about policies, practices and procedures related to school-sponsored team activities and competitions.

PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS, COACHES, VOLUNTEERS AND MODERATORS

Coaches, volunteers, moderators, and students who exhibit symptoms associated with COVID-19 may not participate in organized team and club activities. We will follow the Minnesota Department of Health COVID-19 Exclusion Guidelines regarding isolation for illness.¹⁰ Students, coaches, volunteers, moderators and staff who test positive for COVID-19 must stay away from school for at least 10 days from the onset of symptoms AND until they are fever-free for at least 3 days without medication AND experience improvement of any other symptoms.

⁹ <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/sportsguide.pdf>

¹⁰ <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/exguide.pdf>

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Consistent with our school-wide health and safety practices and protocols, all coaches, volunteers, moderators, and students must wear cloth face coverings or masks within the school building if a team or club activity takes place in the school building regardless of when that organized activity occurs.

Following guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health, masks and face coverings will not be required for outdoor athletic activities and competition. However, all teams and club members must wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before they enter and after they leave classrooms, offices, or other spaces they use for their team or club's activity.

FACILITY USE

The Weber Center may be used for school-sponsored activities and events. Tables and seating for activities will be set to ensure appropriate physical distancing. The Fishbowl will not be available for team or club use.

We will use the new changing rooms in Saint Michael Hall as well as designated classrooms as changing areas for athletes after school to maximize physical distancing. Saint Michael Hall gym spaces will be available for gym classes and recreational use, but those activities must follow *StaySafeMN* guidelines for recreational social distancing.¹¹

Fans attending athletic contests must follow physical distancing guidelines for outdoor activities. Outdoor facilities (e.g. Sag Field, Radio Tower Field) will be available to the Prep community for activities and athletic contests (as allowed by the Minnesota State High School League). Fan seating at outdoor athletic contests will be set to follow Minnesota social distancing guidelines for outdoor gatherings.

BUS TRANSPORTATION TO ACTIVITIES

We will follow all recommendations of Minnesota Department of Education and the Minnesota Department of Health regarding bus capacity when traveling to away contests. We will require that masks be worn by all students, coaches and volunteers on all school bus trips.

¹¹ <https://mn.gov/covid19/for-minnesotans/stay-safe-mn/stay-safe-plan.jsp>