



IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING REOPENING OF SCHOOL IN 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are writing to you to share new and important information about the **reopening of Messmer High School in January**. While we can provide answers to some of your questions, we realize that you have many more. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

The safety of your student and your family is our highest priority and of course, we want to keep our teachers and staff safe as well during this challenging time. In order for our plan to be successful, please note the following:

- Every student has the option of continuing virtual learning throughout the school year requested by the student's parent or guardian or apply for Messmer High School's hybrid learning model (see details below) by January 6, 2021.
- If you choose to remain at home in virtual learning for Term 4 (January 20 - March 12), you will have the opportunity to ask for your child to return to school for in-person learning for Term 5, which begins on March 22. We will request that you make that decision by March 1.
- Messmer will continue to provide, regardless of location of your student's learning:
 - Internet access on an as-needed basis using Messmer-purchased wireless hotspots.
 - Use of a Messmer-owned Chromebook or laptop computer for all students in grades 1-12.
 - Technology support, meal distribution, and social-emotional support for students and families.

KEEPING STUDENTS AND STAFF SAFE AT SCHOOL

Messmer Catholic Schools is committed to the safety and security of students and our staff. To ensure we are delivering an educational experience that is safe, we are requiring the following:

- Masks/face coverings will be required for everyone within the building unless ADA or medical accommodation is needed.
- Increased hand washing, and physical distancing will be practiced.
- Visitors will be limited to essential need only. Permission must be granted in advance by the principal.
- Acrylic dividers have been installed in reception areas and cafeteria
- Hand sanitizer pumps, as well as surface disinfecting wipes, are provided throughout the school
- Directional signs are provided indicating flow of foot traffic in halls and entry/exit points
- School-wide procedures have been modified to ensure social distancing
- **All students and families must follow all safety protocols. Those who do not will be moved back to a virtual learning model.**

MESSMER HIGH SCHOOL LEARNING SPACES

Based on CDC guidelines, Messmer High School will be adopting a schedule that provides the physical distancing necessary in the designated learning spaces and within our school environment and limiting the number of students in each classroom to 11 students and a minimum of six feet between students in designated learning environments.

Messmer High School has created a variety of learning spaces/environments. Unlike traditional hybrid models, Messmer Bishops will join a learning space, but also continue to engage in their virtual instructional classes. The MHS learning spaces will serve as a distraction-free, supervised learning environment. School leaders and a limited number of teachers will be available to support students in person. Bishops, however, will be responsible for following the MHS virtual instructional schedule and adhering to the expectations of their teachers.

Beginning January 25, 2021, Messmer High School will welcome ninth and tenth grade students only to join a Messmer High School learning space. We are optimistic that we will welcome eleventh and twelfth grade students by late February 2021.

SCHEDULE FOR IN-PERSON LEARNING FOR TERM 4 (JANUARY 20 - MARCH 12)

Students who elect to attend in-person MHS Learning Space will be assigned to one cohort. If the numbers demonstrate a great need for two cohorts, we will communicate with Messmer High School families early January.

*Updated 12/17/20

Messmer High School Student Schedule for 2020-21

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays students will follow the schedule:

Time	Activity	Duration
8:30 - 8:50	SQUAD Squad leaders take attendance, complete pulse checks, and ensure that students are set up for success for the day. Squad leaders, with the support of students will update students facing metrics at the end of each week. As a SQUAD, students will watch the morning update from the Messmer Leadership Team and respond to any surfaced questions or concerns.	20 minutes
9-9:50	Block One	50 minutes
10 - 10:50	Block Two	50 minutes
11 - 11:50	Block Three	50 minutes
12 - 1	Bishop Lunch	60 minutes
1-10- 2:00	Block Four	50 minutes
2-10-3	Block Five	50 minutes

Wednesdays are reserved for Office Hours, additional academic support, and making up work.

- School hours are 8:00am breakfast, 8:30am classes start, 3:00pm dismissal.
- A limited number of students in each group, decided on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Deadline for applying for in-person learning Messmer High School Learning Space for Term 4 is January 6, 2021.**
- In order to apply, the following must be completed:
 - A signed Parent Commitment Form,
 - Attendance at a mandatory half-hour Zoom information session with MHS' leadership team
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Access to all MHS Reopening forms and resources can be found on our website, will be emailed to the email address on file, will be placed in mail, and will be in our main office upon request. Every effort will be made to keep households together at both the high school and grade school levels.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday ninth and tenth graders will attend school in MHS learning space and follow their virtual instructional schedule. On Wednesdays the building will be closed for cleaning. Students enrolled in Intro to Craftsmanship and/or Residential Carpentry classes will be given a priority MHS learning space seat. **All students will remain in virtual learning until their in-person MHS Learning Space start date.**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We anticipate you and your students have many questions and things to consider prior to making your decision. Here are some responses to anticipated questions:

When is the deadline for decision regarding in-person learning for Term 4:

January 6, 2021 for 9-10th grade and February 1st for 11-12th grade.

How do I secure my spot in the Messmer High School Learning Space?

Parents/guardians will need to confirm their decision for the Term 4 learning model by completing this Google form linked in the email that was sent or by calling the main office at 414-264-5440 by January 6th for 9-10th grade and by February 1st for 11-12th grade.

When are the mandatory parent/guardian Zoom information dates for students returning to in-person learning?

Once you indicate you would like your child to return to the building, all parents/guardians will be expected to view the provided training videos, read over the school's safety plan and attend a required 30-minute parent training via Zoom. Families must work with administration to ensure they receive training prior to January 25th in order for students to return to the building. A sign-up genius and Zoom meeting links will be sent prior to the training.

*Thursday, January 14th at 12 pm

*Friday, January 15th at 8 am

*Saturday, January 16th at 10 am and 2pm

*Tuesday, January 19th at 6pm

What is the parent acknowledgment of risk & self-assessment agreement Where do I obtain it and how do I submit it?

Prior to returning to school, parents/guardians must complete a signed form for each child that states parents/guardians agree to follow health and safety guidelines while their child is attending the MHS Learning Space model and acknowledge the risk associated with their child returning to the school building. This form is attached to this email and will be mailed home. A signed copy must be returned to the main office before your child is able to return to in-person classes.

Are Messmer uniforms required? When and how to obtain uniforms:

Yes, students attending the Messmer Learning Space are required to follow the Messmer Catholic Schools uniform policy. Parents/guardians should purchase Messmer uniforms at Goldfish Uniforms at 5300 W Lincoln Ave, West Allis, WI 53219 by their child's school start date.

How many masks is Messmer providing?

Messmer will provide two cloth masks for each child upon their return to school. Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring their child has a clean mask (or two) ready for their child to wear each day they come to school in-person.

Should parents/guardians buy back up masks?

Yes. Messmer High School will have back-up paper masks on-hand in the event a mask becomes soiled or needs replacement during the school day, however sending your child with a back-up mask daily will be best practice.

Do students need to bring in their own supplies?

Students attending a MHS Learning Space are required to have headphones or earbuds that can be plugged into their Messmer-issued Chromebooks. Teachers will supply course kits during Qtr 3 registration (January 19th and January 20th). Additional school supplies needed for each course will be communicated directly to students the first two days of class on January 21st and January 22nd virtually.

Busing/transportation considerations

We have contracted with Durham Bus Company for this school year and have collaborated to ensure the safety of our students on the bus. We will have one route, from Lincoln Park to Messmer High School to Messmer Saint Mary, with limited capacity. Busing details will be arranged in January. Contact the office if you are interested in using our busing service.

Who to contact with questions or concerns

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Reopens Monday, January 4th at 7:30 am.

Messmer High School Reopen Plan:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uICz-r0OuaVuiNI5cMtwbp5mpCJHJkji/view?usp=sharing>

Messmer High School Parent Acknowledgement:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LEDuTBEOsdG4ajzKJjnxUYh_lor1qRx/view?usp=sharing

Messmer High School Student Schedule:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1b6aLH2j1ZJEKGAmlma0HgH5S97gmETK/view?usp=sharing>

Messmer High School Reopen Timeline:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12WFqGnO7nHxT3yHPulkUx5Vo4yMVYNk9/view?usp=sharing>

Uniform Flyer:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rfxtT7mdqVweQSch3u0MKhMe5yiSe1cE/view?usp=sharing>