



First Baptist Christian School

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Isaiah 40:31

First Baptist Christian School is in preparation for the first day of classes on Monday, August 17, 2020, with instruction in a traditional setting and mitigation efforts in place. We look forward to seeing our students and all employees as we have been diligently researching and planning for safety measures to be put into place. The safety of our students and staff is of utmost importance and will continue to be at the forefront of what we do. There is tremendous interest in the return of students to school.

Visitation is scheduled for Friday, August 14. To limit crowding in hallways, we are asking that one parent per family attend with the students during the designated times. More information on times will be emailed.

FBCS teachers are currently in training on the use of Google Classroom. This will be the platform for parent-teacher communication and will provide a continuity through all grades and a seamless transition from actual to virtual classrooms, if needed.

The return of our students is anticipated with excitement and joy. Having our students in classrooms on a daily basis is our goal. We look forward to praying and worshipping with them. We realize that deeper instruction, learning, and understanding comes from the actual classrooms, and that is what we are preparing to do. With the size of our school, we feel that we will be able to practice physical distancing so that we can attend every school day.

Information will be provided if there were to be changes. Pray with us and for us as we seek Godly wisdom in all we do.

-FBCS Administration

Washing Hands

Handwashing will take place throughout the school day. Hand sanitizers will be available in each classroom

Face Coverings

It is likely that students & employees will be expected to wear face coverings (cloth or surgical) during car line, while in hallways, and any other times of close proximity. Please be prepared to send your child to school with at least 2 masks each day

Physical Distancing

Schedules and spaces will be adjusted to provide physical distancing to the maximum extent possible.



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Health & Safety

- Students or employees who exhibit fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, cough, and/or sore throat should not report to school.
- Students or employees who experience the above symptoms while at school will be isolated and sent home.
- Temperatures will be taken every morning upon arrival.
- Water fountains will be turned off. Students must bring a clear, plastic water bottle to school every day. (Please label with name.) Water bottle filling stations are being installed.
- Touchless faucets, soap dispensers, and towel dispensers are being installed in bathrooms.
- During small chapel services, students will be seated at a safe distance.
- School assemblies will be limited (Ex: Report card certificates will be given in individual classrooms.)
- Students in Grade 4-8 and Dual Enrollment will need to provide their own headphones for the computer lab



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Car line

- Upon arrival, students must be seated on the passenger side of vehicle.
- Parents must assist young students with unbuckling seatbelts/car seats.
- Temperatures will be taken every morning before students exit vehicles.

Visitors/Volunteers

- There will be very limited access to the FBCS campus for non-essential visits.
- When visits are necessary, visitors and volunteers will be required to check in at the front office, wear a face covering, have temperature checked, and utilize hand sanitation.

Extended Care

- Extended care will follow the school's physical distancing and hand sanitation guidelines.
- Parents should wait at the gate to get their students. Parents may not enter the playground area.



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Co-Curricular Activities

- At present, FBCS plans to participate in fall sports.
- Sanitation will be utilized.
- No field trips are scheduled at this time.

Google Classroom

- Google Classroom will be used in all Grades preK3-12. Our faculty is being certified in the use of Google Classroom.
- In case of school closure, Google Classroom will be utilized for every grade. This will help to have a seamless transition from actual classroom to distance learning if the occasion were to present itself. (A positive case of COVID-19 does not necessarily warrant classroom or school closure as per the LDOE "Strong Start 2020" guidelines.)

Lunch

- Students will eat lunch in their classrooms or outside on picnic tables.
- Physical distancing will be practiced.



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Playground

- Emphasis will be placed on dividing students into small groups for recess.
- Handwashing will take place before and after recess.

Classrooms

- Classes are self-contained in preK3 through 4th grades.
- Teachers in Grades 5-6 will change classrooms, while the students remain in the same classrooms.
- Students and teachers in Grades 7-12 will continue their regular schedules but will limit contact during transitions. Locker times may be staggered to limit the number of students in the hallway at one time.

Cleaning/Sanitation

- Jan-Pro has been contracted to do our cleaning and sanitation for the upcoming school year. Their services began in March 2020.
- Keeping in mind the safety of students, our custodial service uses the industry-recommended non-toxic cleaning solutions and sanitation that kills viruses and bacteria.



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Tuition

In the event that FBCS makes the decision to transition to distance learning through Google Classroom, tuition will continue to be charged. We will continue to provide the same quality, Biblical worldview instruction as what is being offered. There is no anticipation for any less work for the teachers. In fact, we anticipate that it would take more time. All of our staff sign one-year contracts; therefore, we desire to fulfill our commitment with their contracts. If a school closure were to happen, teachers would be scheduled to teach from their own classrooms, so as to limit physical contact with other staff.

Note: All of the preceding guidelines are subject to change as the school year progresses.