



**WEEKLY COMMUNICATION – SCHOOL REOPENING – PARENTS
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020**

***THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN IS OUR FIRST PRIORITY.
You will receive an update each Thursday.***

IN PROCESS DURING THE WEEK OF JULY 13 - JULY 17, 2020

- **Another survey for you!** In order to better plan for student needs at arrival and dismissal times, please complete the following survey. The survey will close on **Tuesday, July 21 at 5pm**. Thank you for your feedback.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHtGmzLz7vGNjjPHssABDyenkwlME1QqdOlaiQ-rNc4jLWwQ/viewform>

- **SCHOOL REOPENING:** As you are aware, Pius XI has been working hard since May to ensure a safe, healthy return to school for our students, faculty and staff. Following the guidance of the CDC, the Wisconsin DPI, the Archdiocese and the City of Milwaukee Health Department, we have decided that, when we are able to open on campus instruction, we will start in the Hybrid Model of instruction. Students will receive in person instruction two days per week and virtual instruction two days per week. This means only 50% of our student population will be on campus at one time. Students will be assigned to a cohort for their attendance days. Wednesday will be a flex day for cleaning, small group support, teacher planning, teams meeting for projects, etc. Students will still need to wear masks and remain six feet apart for instruction. We believe this is the safest way to launch in-person instruction. As the health climate changes we will gradually work toward full person instruction. To limit the amount of movement in the building, we will be following a block schedule and students will be eating lunch in their TAC. There are many details about which students attend school on what day. You will receive the details as they are solidified. Please know that Pius XI is also ready to move quite easily to virtual or 100% in person instruction as City of Milwaukee Health Department regulations change throughout the school year. This is still a very fluid situation.
- **SCHOOL CALENDAR:** Pius XI will have a gradual opening so that we are able to train students, faculty and staff in the many procedures they will need to follow when in the building. Here are the starting dates:

Thursday, August 13 – 9-11am	Procedural Training – Freshmen
Friday, August 14 – 9am	Freshmen Orientation and Book Pick up
Monday, August 17	Faculty-Staff Procedural Training
Tuesday, August 18	Faculty-Staff Planning
Wednesday, August 19 – 9-11am	Procedural Training – Sophomores
Thursday, August 20 – 9-11am	Procedural Training – Juniors
Friday, August 21 – 9-11am	Procedural Training – Seniors
August 24-September 4	Flex weeks that will provide an opportunity for us to reconnect as a community through initial instruction, continued

teacher training, induction of new students, and community building

Tuesday, September 8 – 8am-2:40pm First day of school

We will publish the full calendar to you in the coming weeks. We are anticipating additional built in breaks to support the mental health of our students and faculty as they navigate through the challenges of an unusual school year. Please remember – we are in the midst of a health emergency and things will need to look different for a while.

- On Monday the 20th of July we are partnering with Intelagard Easy Decon (Tom Warda - whose sister is a Pius alum) and hosting a demonstration of a military grade fogging decontamination system. As part of hosting this event the company will be donating part of the demonstration decontamination of our building as we prep for the start of the school year. Representatives from public institutions, universities, hospitals and the entertainment industry will be on site to see the demonstration. In partnering with Intelagard and Tom we are working to ensure our facilities are safe for all.
- Please remember that the City of Milwaukee face mask law is now in effect. Face masks are required in our Pius XI buildings. Students, faculty and staff will be required to wear face masks upon return.
- We are in the early stages of working with volunteer nurses to staff a new Pius XI Health Room. If you have interest in participating in this effort, please contact us at piuscomeshome@piusxi.org
- Please follow the City of Milwaukee Health Department information for regular information about how and when schools can open. Those orders drive decisions about our Pius XI reopening.

**PLEASE SEND ANY OF YOUR QUESTIONS/CONCERNS TO
piuscomeshome@piusxi.org.**