



CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL

COMMITMENT TO SAFETY

Reopening Our Campus

July 29, 2020

OUR COMMITMENT TO SAFETY

We look forward to welcoming our community back to campus this fall.

If New York State allows schools to reopen—and we are anticipating this will be the case—we will resume classes in September. We will be excited to see everyone back on campus in person.

The health, safety, and welfare of the entire school community are our top priorities.

Our reopening task force has been hard at work making preparations in consultation with medical professionals and other experts from within our community and the Jesuit network of schools, and is continuing to monitor state and local guidance. We have tried to anticipate every possible scenario, but have also made the plan flexible, recognizing that state and local guidelines may change.

The success of our safe return will require every member of our community to work together.

Each of us must be ready and willing to create a culture of cooperation and responsibility, and to make a daily commitment to protect the health of all who are learning, teaching, and working at the school. We are confident that our community can meet this challenge.



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What follows is a comprehensive outline for all buildings on campus regarding how our school community will operate for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We have included important information about health and safety protocols and other details.

Details and announcements will be added as further guidance is issued. Please continue to visit us online at www.canisiushigh.org for further information.



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FACE COVERINGS

All who enter the building are required to wear face masks or other acceptable coverings, and continue to wear them when 6 feet of distance between people cannot be maintained.

HANDWASHING

Sanitizing stations have been installed around the buildings and frequent handwashing will be encouraged throughout the day.

DESK SHIELDS

Individual plastic desk shields have been purchased for students to use throughout campus. These shields will fasten to classroom desks, as well as tables in the cafeteria, and throughout campus. Students will travel with them throughout the school day and will store them overnight in their mentor group rooms. These shields will be sanitized daily.



HEALTH & SAFETY

HEALTH OFFICE

The Health Office has been expanded into a Medical Suite. The space includes an additional isolation room for students showing symptoms of COVID-19. Procedures for notifying parents and treating suspected cases will be shared prior to the start of school.

CLEANING & SANITIZING

The school will perform thorough cleaning and sanitizing daily and will schedule additional rounds throughout the day. Cleaning staff will be equipped with backpack electrostatic sprayers for rapid disinfections. Cleaning wipes will be provided in every classroom. Additionally, other cleaning materials will be provided for cleaning of high-touch surfaces.



HEALTH & SAFETY

MOVING AROUND THE BUILDINGS

Physical distancing will be observed in all classroom settings with desks spaced appropriately. Directional movement within buildings to optimize traffic flow and facilitate social distancing will be managed by signage requiring individuals to “keep right” and observe spacing. Dedicated stairwells will be assigned for ascent/descent, and elevator usage will be restricted.

COMMUNITY CONSIDERATIONS

If a student feels unwell, or if anyone else in his household is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, he should stay home. Everyone in our community must take an active role in ensuring the welfare of others. Families are encouraged to practice safe behavior when home or socializing and to limit opportunities for potential exposure. Care should be taken when traveling outside of WNY to adhere to the New York State Guidelines.



SCHOOL ENTRY PROCEDURE

DAILY HEALTH SCREENING

Before all individuals enter campus they must affirm they are healthy and have not knowingly been exposed to COVID-19. This will be completed prior to entering the building using an electronic form that will be docked on Canisius-issued student iPads. Visitors will complete the form upon entry at reception. These responses will be logged and remain confidential as a health record. Those who cannot affirm they are healthy or know they have been exposed may not enter the campus.

TEMPERATURE SCAN

All faculty, staff, and students arriving before 8:30am will enter through the blue doors and have their temperature scanned upon arrival in Higgins Hall (foyer). Visitors and those arriving after 8:30am will be scanned at reception.

VISITS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

All visitors will be required to have appointments.





DAILY PROCEDURE

BUSSING

The Dean's Office will continue to coordinate bussing with local school districts who are responsible for developing appropriate policies to maintain physical distance and sanitized vehicles. Canisius will communicate any changes in these procedures.

BLUE BUSSES

We will limit the use of our 15 passenger busses. When use is needed, busses will be limited to seven riders to maintain physical distance. The driver and riders will be required to wear face coverings at all times on the bus.

DAILY PROCEDURE

MEALS

The school's cafeteria provider, Personal Touch Food Service, will continue to provide meals during the school day. Students will use personal accounts linked to their Canisius identification card to create a cashless system. Pre-packaged sandwiches, salads, snacks and other served items will be available. To maintain physical distancing and proper cleaning procedures, students will eat in assigned locations in the cafeteria, auditorium, or other designated areas around campus (outdoor areas as weather permits).



DAILY SCHEDULE

ON-CAMPUS INSTRUCTION

We anticipate that our return to school will center on in-person learning while maintaining our 6 day rotating schedule. All students will be on campus for a modified 8 period daily schedule with:

- Limited unstructured time (Recess)
- Limited occupancy in common areas (library, campus ministry, guidance center, senior lounge, etc.)
- School-wide gatherings (Mass, meetings by year and house, and assemblies) using small group formats, live streaming and/or video conferencing



DAILY SCHEDULE

HYBRID ON-CAMPUS INSTRUCTION

In the event that Canisius is required to limit building occupancy, the students may be split into two cohorts and scheduled to be on campus every other day. On the days they are scheduled to work from home, they will use video conferencing to follow their daily schedule synchronously.



DAILY SCHEDULE

eLEARNING

Last March, the faculty and student body seamlessly transitioned to an eLearning plan. If at any point in the academic year, state or local government prohibits on-campus classes, we will transition to our well established eLearning plan.

| Day of Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| eLearning Day | α | β | γ | α | β |
| Daily Check-in | Mentor Group | Mentor Group | Mentor Group | Mentor Group | Mentor Group |
| 8:30A - 10:30A | English | Foreign Language | Computer Science | English | Foreign Language |
| 10:30A - 12:30P | Mathematics | History | Health/PE | Mathematics | History |
| 12:30P - 2:30P | Religion | Science | Fine Arts | Religion | Science |



TECHNOLOGY

Classrooms will be equipped with technology for hybrid instruction.

Teachers will be provided with AirPods and Aver 340+ 4K classroom cameras equipped with optimized wide angle lenses. AirPods have microphones for teachers and in-ear speakers so they can monitor their livestreams.

On their iPads, students will utilize Zoom, the Schoology learning management system, and other learning applications including Google Gsuite.



ATHLETICS & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

ATHLETICS

Athletic camps for prospective students were safely held this summer for a limited number of sports in accordance with the New York State Guidelines for day camps. We are anticipating further information and guidance for Fall Sports that are scheduled to begin on September 21, 2020.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

We will offer physical education in accordance with NYS guidelines for in-person instruction, which will maintain appropriate physical distance between students, limit physical interactions, and focus on individual skill development using independent exercises and low risk games.



FINE ARTS

CHORUS, BAND & ENSEMBLES

Instruments, music stands, sheet music, and equipment will not be shared. When weather permits, chorus and band may meet outside to maintain appropriate distance. When meeting indoors, instruction may shift to small group ensembles or the study of music theory. CHS will limit the use of small practice rooms. Individual lessons and small ensembles will take place in the large rehearsal spaces in the Center for the Arts or other areas designated on campus.

ART

Individual supply kits have been created to avoid sharing tools, and students will utilize both art classrooms to maintain appropriate distance during instructional periods.



RETURN TO CAMPUS

IMPORTANT DATES

- September 2: Incoming Freshman and Transfer Student Orientation
- September 4: Upperclassmen Orientation
- September 8: First day of classes
- November 25-27: Thanksgiving break
- December 21-January 3: Christmas break
- February 15-19: Winter break
- April 1-11: Easter break



QUESTIONS

To Whom Do I Direct My Questions?

Families and students should direct inquiries to Mr. Thomas Coppola, Dean of Students coppola@canisiushigh.org

Faculty should direct inquiries to Ms. Andrea Tyrpak-Endres, Principal tyrpak@canisiughigh.org

Staff should direct inquiries to Mr. Matthew Carver, Chief Financial Officer carver@canisiushigh.org



