

Still 24/7

FALL 2020 COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN

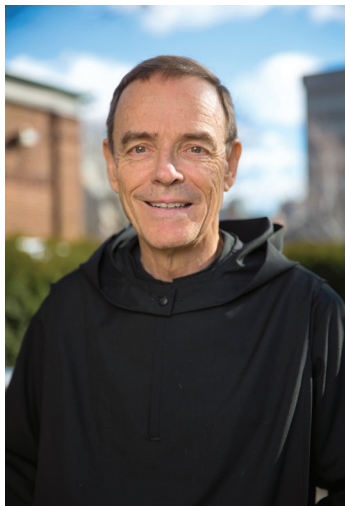


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A Message from Fr. Ed



Brothers and Sisters,

Every day since COVID-19 imposed the physical separation of our community, I've emphasized that the safety and health of our kids – and by extension their families – would dictate if, when, and how we return to the Property this fall. St. Benedict's Prep families have been harder hit by the pandemic and **Still 24/7: Fall 2020 COVID-19 Response Plan** is a direct reflection of that.

Pay special attention to the name, **Still 24/7**. It's important because our entire community will not physically be on the Property together. Elementary Division classes will be held on the Property full-time, except those who request the 100% virtual learning option. All students

in the Middle Division, Girls and Boys Prep Divisions will learn remotely, while teachers in these divisions conduct classes on the Property. This plan outlines some exceptions and protocols for athletics and activities that we will resume virtually and in-person this fall.

How we're learning this Fall Phase may have changed from a year ago, but our commitment is as steadfast as ever. Wherever our kids are, St. Benedict's will be here, 24/7, to support, accompany and challenge them. When I met with faculty on a Zoom call in preparation for Fall 2020, I offered three points I'd like us all to keep in mind for the year ahead:

- 1) **Be flexible.** Our adaptability and creativity has kept our kids on track for the past five months and we've even figured out how to do some things better. If we all stay flexible, we'll make the most of Fall Phase and will be well positioned to tackle any challenges that lie ahead.
- 2) **Help one another out.** Our motto, "Give up what you want for what we need," has never been more critical. It's our connectedness that makes St. Benedict's work, so if you see an opportunity to offer advice or support that helps someone out, act on it.
- 3) **Be sure to take care of yourself.** Staying connected to your group, your classmates and this community is one of the best ways to stay up. Also, the Steven M. Grossman Counseling Center will continue to provide services. Families are also welcome to join us at Virtual Convo, which we'll resume in September; members of our extended Benedict's community who attend have told us it's added a lot of positivity to their day.

A big thank you to the faculty, student-leaders, and loyal friends who lent their time and expertise on this plan. If you have any questions, contact Director of the Vox Institute Glenn Cassidy, Ed.D. '90 at gcassidy@sbp.org.

I'll see you at the first Virtual Convo of the Fall Term on Tuesday, September 8, 8:00 a.m. *sharp*.

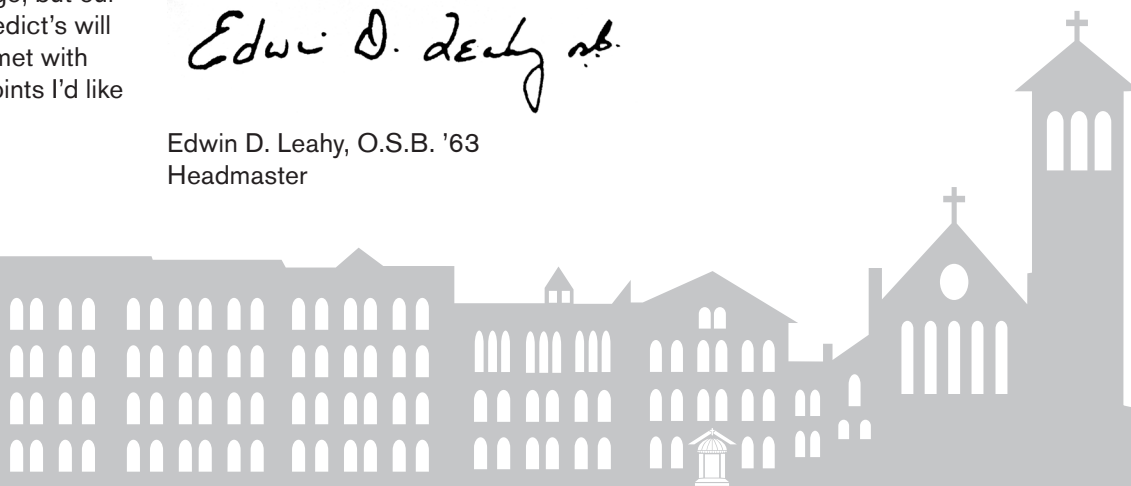
Courage!

Edwin D. Leahy, O.S.B. '63
Headmaster

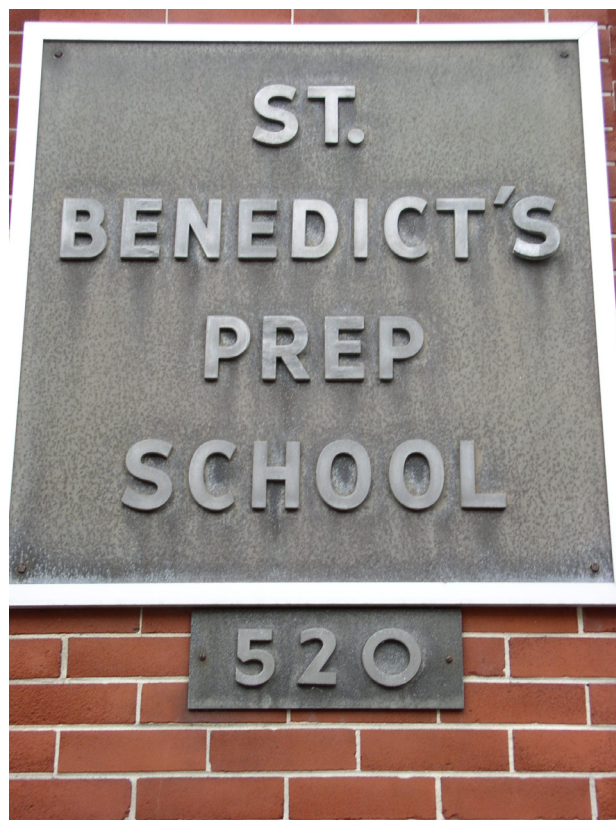
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Academic Plans



ELEMENTARY DIVISION

Instruction will occur on the Property every day for all students, except for those requesting 100% virtual learning. Remote students will receive synchronous instruction through webcams in classrooms. The school day will run from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Arrival begins at 7:30 a.m. No aftercare will be provided.

MIDDLE DIVISION, BOYS & GIRLS PREP DIVISIONS

Instruction for grades 7-12 will occur virtually every day. Faculty will be teaching from their classrooms on the Property. All students will be learning from home. Academically vulnerable students may be invited to the Property to learn virtually, while supervised, from the cafeteria or another location. Convocation begins at 8:00 a.m. Instruction will immediately follow Convo and will end at 1:00 p.m.

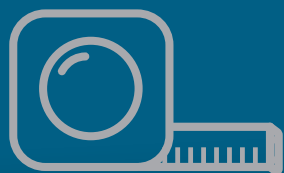
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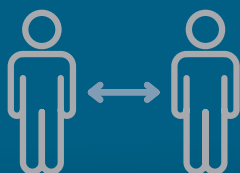
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Health/Safety Plans



All rooms have been measured and social distancing maximums have been determined.



In classrooms, students will be seated 6 feet apart.



All students and staff are required to wear masks at all times except when eating or during physical exercise. Adults who are isolated on the Property (in their classroom or office) need not wear a mask.



Hand sanitizing stations are set up in all classrooms and in many other spaces around the property.



All students and faculty are required to complete a daily checklist and show an approval in order to come to the property.

Upon arrival, students will be scanned for fever. All students and adults on the Property are required to electronically complete and submit a Daily COVID-19 Checklist confirming the absence of any symptoms, including a fever. The Checklist also aids in contact tracing and inquires about any recent travel outside of New Jersey's travel advisory, among other questions. Anyone who does not submit the Checklist or whose answers indicate their presence poses a concern for others' health will not be permitted on the Property.



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Operational Plans



- ✓ Students will enter the Property through multiple entrances. Faculty/staff will be present at all entrances for security and symptom checks. Students with symptoms will not be allowed on the Property or, if they arrived on their own, will be escorted to an isolation room until they can be picked up by a parent.
 - ✓ Facial recognition/temperature scanning devices are being purchased for all entrances. Hand-held, no-contact, forehead thermometers will be used for secondary confirmation or as a back-up.
 - ✓ Meals will be delivered to classrooms.
 - ✓ All students will have the ability to get breakfast and lunch from the school during school days.
 - Students receiving instruction on the Property will be given meals in their classrooms or other spaces where they are taking their classes.
 - Students who are fully remote can pick up a week's worth of breakfast and lunch every Monday.
 - Students who are coming to the property each day for activities can receive grab and go meals upon arrival each afternoon. They can also receive a breakfast meal for the next day.
- Students who are eligible for free or reduced lunch will receive meals as mentioned above. No cash will be accepted. Students who are required to pay for meals will have to make use of [K-12paymentcenter.com](https://k12paymentcenter.com) and make payments in advance. There will be no a la carte service for the Middle and Prep Division. This means that students will have the option of a hot lunch or a cold lunch but will not have the option to purchase any extras, snacks, or other items.
- ✓ The Nurse's Office has been moved to a more accessible location with more space and isolation rooms.
 - ✓ Convocation will remain virtual.
 - ✓ Faculty/staff members will be undergoing American Red Cross COVID-19 training.

No visitors, parents, or alumni are allowed on the Property until further notice. Necessary meetings will take place virtually.

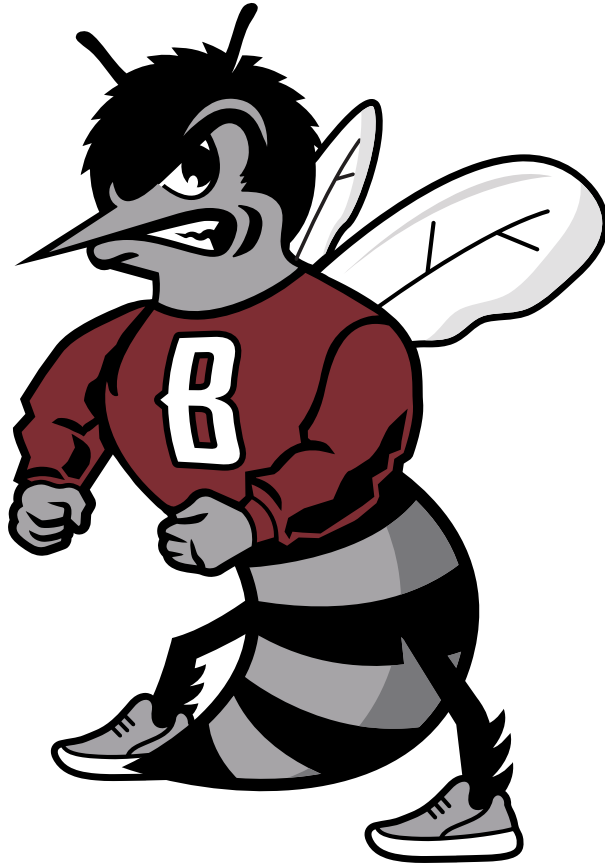
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Athletics/Activities



- ✓ Beginning at 2:00 p.m., activities and athletics will take place on the Property or virtually and will take place at various times throughout the day, including the possibility of evening and weekend activities.
- ✓ Each activity is considered a cohort. To ensure safety, students may only physically interact with members of their cohort. Students will not be allowed to participate in multiple cohorts if each requires physical presence, i.e., a student can't participate in soccer and swimming, but may participate in soccer and a virtual activity.
- ✓ Athletic competitions will be dictated by state guidelines. Team practices and workouts will be coordinated through Athletic Director Tom Leahy '77 and will follow strict protocols to ensure the health and safety of players and coaches

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Facility Plans



- ✓ All maintenance/custodial staff will undergo training in updated cleaning/disinfecting techniques from an internationally recognized standards organization.
- ✓ Sanitizing of the Property will occur nightly.
- ✓ High touch areas, such as bathrooms, will be cleaned at least twice per day.
- ✓ CDC approved filters have been ordered and will be installed in all HVAC units throughout the Property.
- ✓ Additional custodial staff are being hired to handle day-time sanitizing.

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COVID Response

SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED COVID CASE RESPONSE:



Immediately notify Newark Health Department for guidance.

All students/staff who had close contact with patient will be required to quarantine for 14 days from last contact. All families will be notified of positive COVID case and of steps being taken to minimize risk to others.



Area where patient spent extended time or had contact to be closed for 2-5 days. Cleaning/disinfecting to begin after 24 hours.

Consider need to close additional spaces or the entire property if COVID spreads within the local community.



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