



Cardinal Mooney High School CMHS

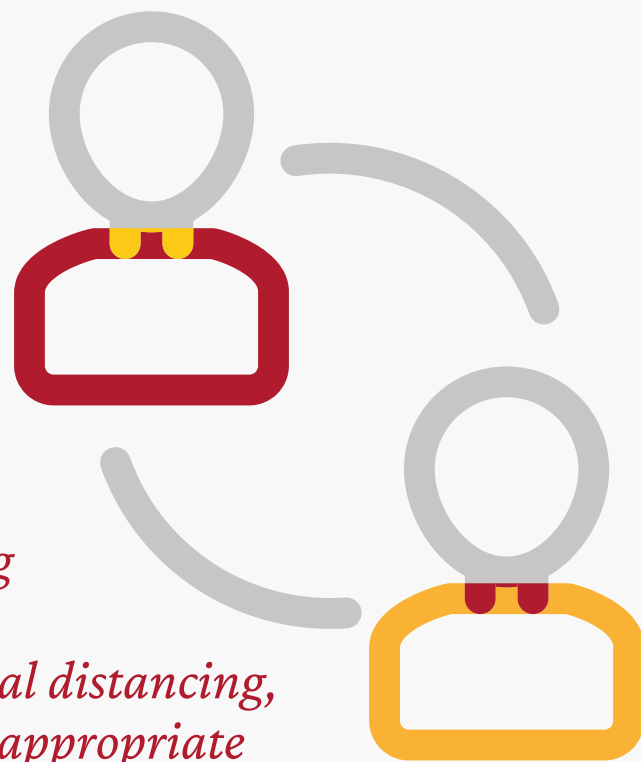
Opening for fall of 2020 — UPDATED

Dear Mooney Family: As we continue to work towards opening for the Fall of 2020, please continue to monitor CardinalMooney.com, our weekly bulletin, or our various social media outlets for updates.

What we're doing — UPDATED

Cardinal Mooney will implement the guidelines handed down by the State: social distancing, face covering requirements, hygiene practices, disinfecting protocols, and adaptations for both classroom and co-curricular spaces, including the cafeteria, gymnasium, auditorium, and outside gathering places.

By diligently adhering to the practices of physical distancing, good hand and personal environment hygiene, appropriate mask wearing, daily monitoring of symptoms, we can significantly reduce the risk of spreading the virus. Adherence will also improve our chances for providing in person instruction. It is important to realize, however, that elimination of all risk is not possible. A return to campus, like all aspects of life, carries with it potential risk. We can mitigate, but not eliminate all risk of transmission. Other action items. We will have two quarantine rooms. We are planning on adding an additional nurse.



Face-coverings, and general requirements

Cardinal Mooney will provide a mask to every member of our community: students, faculty and staff. Contract workers, visitors, vendors, and others who are on campus will be required to enter with masks. A supply of masks will be available to all.

When in the school building everyone will be required to wear a face mask covering the nose and mouth including entry areas, classrooms if we can't create physical distance, hallways, restrooms, and other shared spaces. When outdoors, face coverings may be removed only when an uninterrupted 6-foot distance can be maintained.

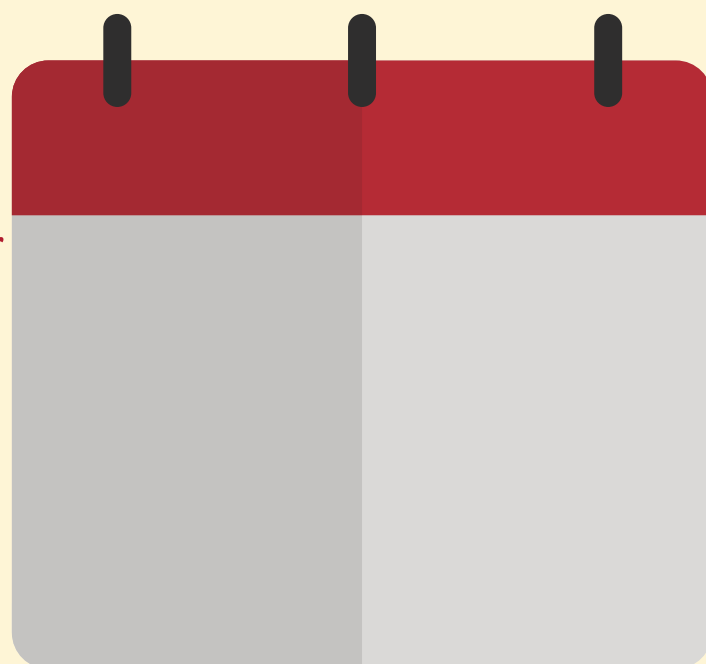


Any changes?

At this time the only changes to the calendar will be to include additional orientation days.

We want each class to spend some time together back in the building so we can hear how they are doing in the face of all they have been through since March.

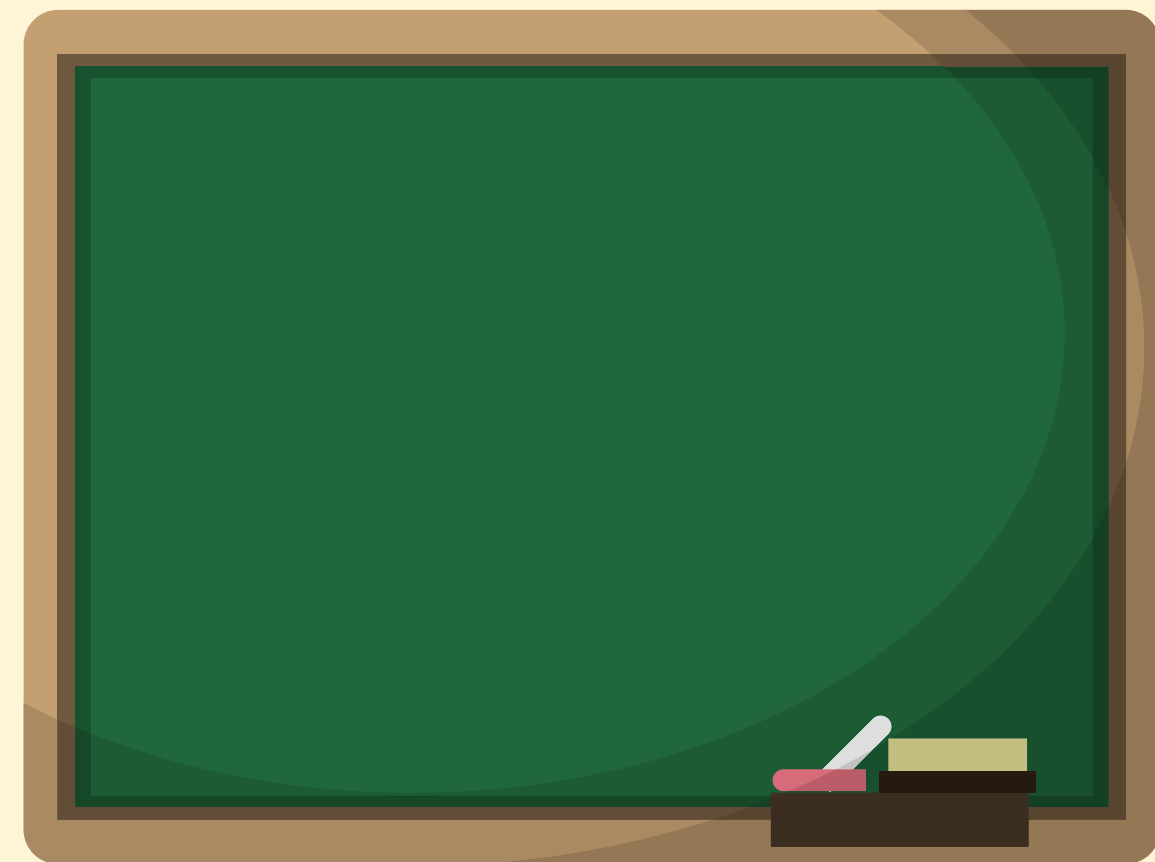
We also want to spend more time with each class, orienting them to how we may have to operate based on final guidelines---what the roles in our school day will be for technology, masks, social distancing, washing of hands, responses to COVID, hall traffic, athletics, and equally important, their role in assisting us in ensuring a safe and healthy school environment.



What will school look like? Will distance-learning continue?

We are planning to provide students with robust opportunities for in-person instruction and learning, but until an effective vaccine is widely available, we are also anticipating the need to be flexible and are preparing for some form of distance learning.

We are upgrading our technology and infrastructure to deliver in-person and distance learning. We're adding more access points in the building and will issue a Chromebook to every student, along with additional training to all faculty and staff. Last semester, the dramatic shift to distance learning taught us a lot. I want to share this observation with you. Moving to on-line, distance learning required more engagement, more planning, and more collaboration. While many may question the investment in this type of learning platform, I continue to see returns. Our faculty have embraced the need to be more collaborative, more engaged with integrating their content with delivery systems, and more focused on their students. They will continue to participate in significant professional development in distance learning strategies and methods from outstanding resources provided by the Diocese, institutions of higher education, and beyond.



Will there be sports and activities?

Since Cardinal Mooney is a member of the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA), our athletic programs are governed by its regulations and policies. We expect that the OHSAA will make a decision about the fall season congruent with the State of Ohio guidelines and directives.

To date we continue to work through its phased in athletic activity program. As we wait for final guidelines, we continue to study how to include important spiritual and co-curricular activities in the life of our community. We know how essential these are for the vitality of Mooney.



What is the plan for social distancing, keeping the facilities clean, and providing resources for student hygiene?



The CDC has released guidance regarding reopening of schools, workplaces, and public spaces. While this guidance may be updated throughout the summer, we expect topics addressed will include the wearing of masks by faculty, staff, students, and visitors. We will implement social distancing measures throughout the school, including halls, classrooms, cafeteria, and all places groups will gather.

I am putting in a comprehensive process to regularly disinfect and clean our facilities. We will install additional hand-washing stations, and have signage to remind all who enter our campus.

What if I am unable to make tuition payments?

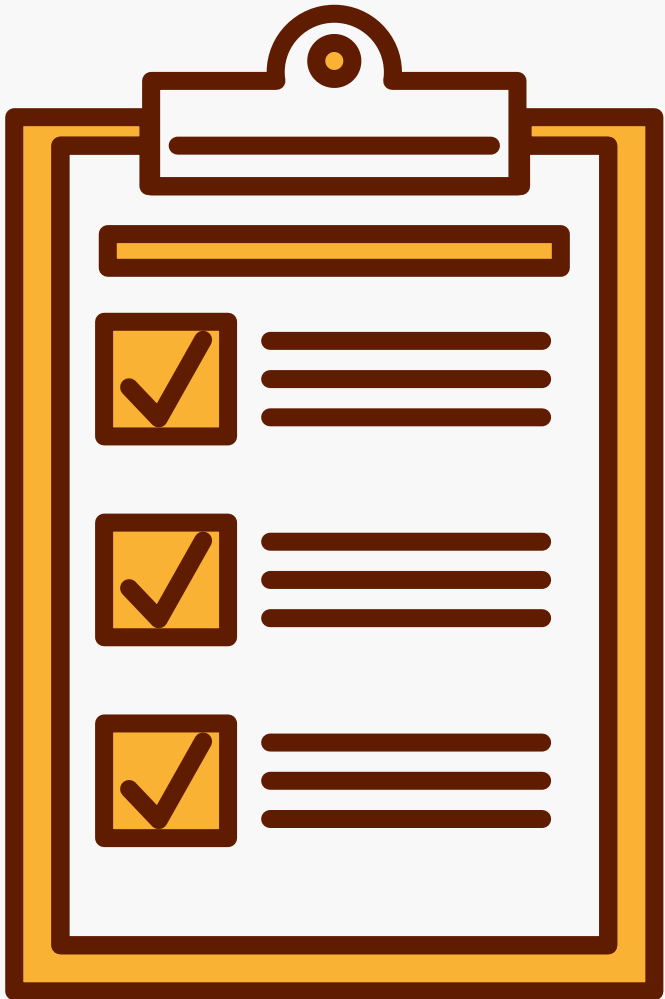
We are aware that families will face new financial challenges as a result of this pandemic. Job loss and other economic effects will limit the ability of some families to meet their tuition obligations. We never want to lose any student for reasons of financial hardship, and we are committed to retain every enrolled student. If the current crisis has created new challenges for you, please be assured that we will consider carefully any request for additional tuition assistance. We will create a confidential Google form for those finding it necessary to make such requests. The most important and necessary step in this process is your timely and transparent communication which will allow us to best serve you. As always, we will treat matters confidentially. Please also let us know if you have concerns about providing adequate internet access in your home for your student.

We anticipate that Cardinal Mooney will be required to stretch limited resources, and I am confident that there is more than enough generosity and compassion with the Mooney community to sustain our mission and assist those in need in this time of uncertainty.



When will Mooney announce a final plan for the fall?

We plan to make an announcement about our final plans as soon as the State of Ohio and local health officials finalize their directives.



What role can parents play?

Parents most certainly play an important role. Please ensure that your student is healthy to return to school in the fall and each day. If they become ill please notify school. Practice CDC guidelines within the home as possible. Let school know of anything you may need to protect your student and family. If there are specific health concerns you have about your son or daughter returning to school, please notify Dr. Beiting so we can make appropriate plans with you.



Will Mooney be able to provide spiritual and mental health needs?

We are planning to support the spiritual and mental health needs of the Mooney community.

We are confident that celebrating Mass with social distancing is possible. Mrs. Trewella will provide resources for continuing spiritual development and service opportunities.

Mrs. Ruth Mastriana, Cardinal Mooney’s social worker, will provide resources for both parents and current students.

Our counselor, Mrs. Dena O’Neill will have resources for students.

We are in the process of adding an additional counselor.

I continue to pray for those in our community serving on the front lines and all those affected by this illness.

The Mooney family is our greatest asset as we work together to build the future for each student in 2020-2021, and together we will succeed.



How will we preserve our sense of community

Dr. Beiting has been advocating for strengthening student engagement since her arrival. In response, we are planning to form a special committee of teachers and students to meet throughout the coming weeks to plan ways to build community and strengthen student leadership.



How will you ensure lunch is safe?

We have contracted with AVI to provide lunch next school year. We can accommodate socially distancing at lunch in the cafeteria. AVI has industry standards it follows, including CDC requirements, to maximize the safety, health, and nutrition of our students. This includes preparing box lunches for students to eat at a safe distance. We will continue to update you on their program, including making boxed breakfast available to all students.