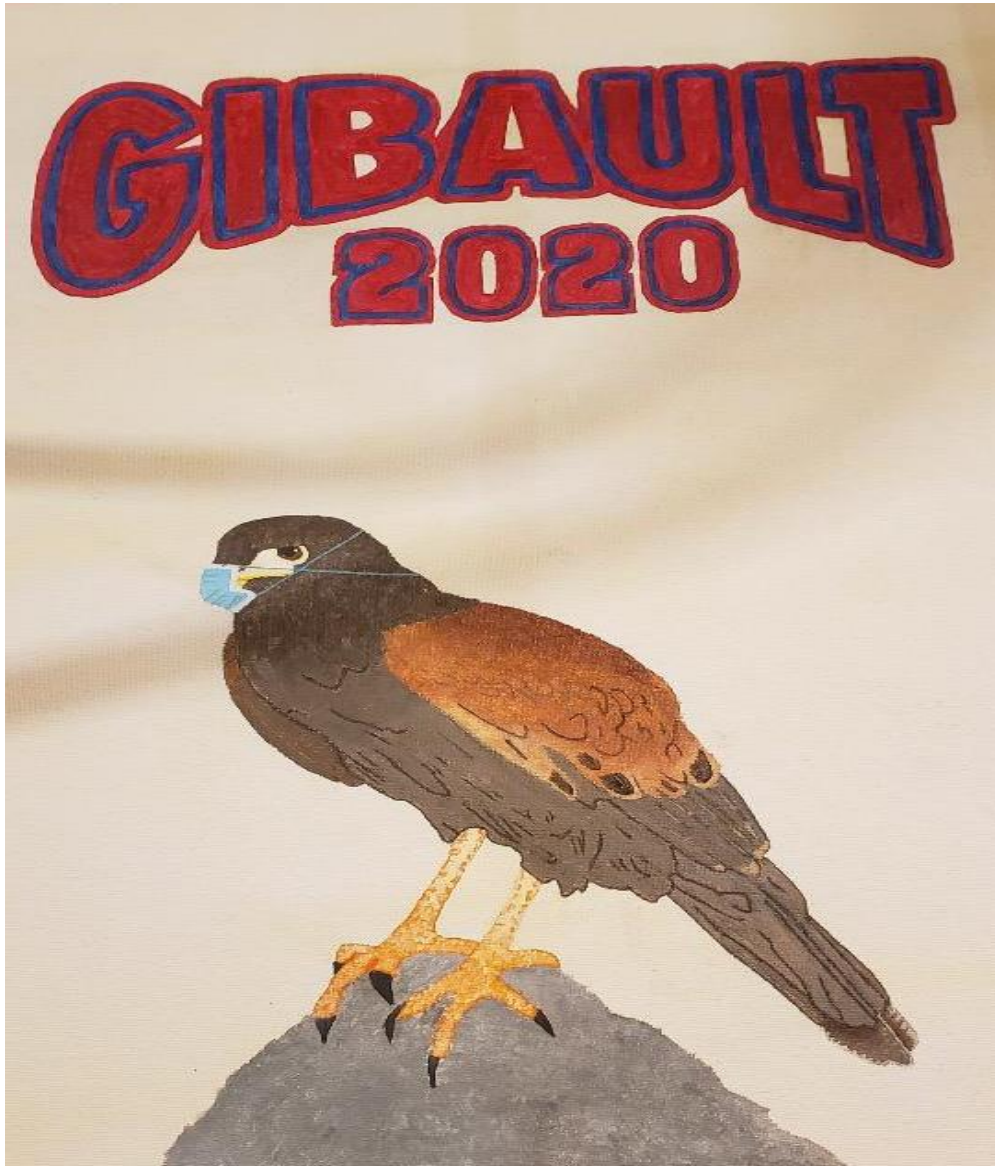


**Gibault Catholic High School
School Reopening Plan
Fall 2020**



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The principal of Gibault, with direction from the Office of Education and in collaboration with the School's Reopening Team, will develop reopening guidelines specific to our school and community. The safety and mental, social, emotional, and physical health of all in our school community continues to be paramount. The strategies and tactics included in our school's reopening plan will align with parish, state, and national efforts to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

The plan for Gibault Catholic High School will give direction and guidance for actions to be taken in the following four areas.

- Scheduling and Staffing Strategies
- Health and Safety
- Physical Infrastructure
- Transportation and Food Service

Scheduling and Staffing Strategies

1. Gibault plans to begin the school year on time. All students will return to a regular 5 day a week schedule. Students will have the option to learn remotely or attend school. Students and staff are asked to appreciate being back in school and follow all guidelines so that we can remain in school for the entirety of the school year. It is our belief that if we all do our part while at Gibault, we will maximize our ability to be in session.
2. Our classroom sizes will remain small for most of our classes. Desks have been moved to reflect distancing as much as possible. All desks will face the same way. Instances where more desks are needed, classrooms may be moved to a larger room to accommodate social distancing.
3. Strategies:
 - All staff will check in with the office and check temperature upon arrival.
 - Our staff will practice distancing as much as possible while teaching. There are times when helping students they will need to be closer. All care will be made to assist students safely.
 - Most of our classes will be 13-15 students or less.
 - We will minimize the use of volunteers in our building during the Covid crisis.
 - Any new students admitted to Gibault after the start of school will be

admitted on a space available basis. Many classes may be maxed out for seating space. It is important we keep our students in school all 5 days of the week.

- Sharing personal items, phones, devices, etc. will be strongly discouraged.
- Student interactions during the day must always use social distancing. Clustering in large groups closely will not be allowed.
- Our staff and students will be prepared to pivot to distance learning and back to school throughout the school year. Situations may arise that require short or long term absences. We will be prepared for both.
- At this time we are limited to groups of no more than 50 in one area at one time. This will limit attendance at certain activities, we are looking into live streaming capability for these events.
- Students with special needs will be accommodated as closely as possible to their individual educational plan.

Health and Safety

1. Goal is to ensure continuous and consistent health monitoring and hygiene standards:

- All students and staff will be required to wear face coverings while in the building during regular school hours.
- Parents will be asked to screen their students each morning before sending them to school. Parents will be required to utilize the App Miinehealth, which will require the parent to submit their assurance to the school that their child is free from any signs or symptoms before they send them to school each day. If parent's forget to do this, the students will have to be checked in at the office before entering the building.
- Students or staff who become ill while at school will go to the nurse's office next to the main office. This room will be sanitized after each use. An administrator will assess the situation.
- Hand sanitizer will be offered upon entry and available readily throughout the buildings.
- Classrooms will have sanitizer spray bottles available for students to clean their desks when entering a classroom. Students will be responsible to clean their desks upon entering.
- Students and staff should wash hands regularly during the day.
- Extra attention will be given to daily cleaning and sanitizing regularly touched surfaces.
- Water fountains will be closed and unavailable to students. We ask that students provide water bottles, we are purchasing and installing new water fountains with no touch water

bottle filling stations. They will be installed in two places, one in the cafeteria and the other in the front hallway across from the auditorium.

- When conditions allow we will open windows to increase fresh air flow to the room/building.
- If a student displays multiple symptoms consistent with Covid 19, the student will be sent home and asked to be screened by a doctor or the health department. The student may return once he has been cleared by his doctor and/or the health department.
- If a student, a staff member, or another person related to Gibault tests positive for Covid 19, a decision will be made in consultation to our local health department, our diocesan office, and other local authorities as to how to proceed at that time. We will take into account local mitigating factors and current recommendations by local health experts.
- All visitors to our buildings must come to the office and be screened prior to entry. We will encourage parents to call ahead to schedule meetings. When feasible, meetings should be done on the phone or online.

2. Strategies to ensure physical distancing in learning spaces, corridors, bathrooms, lunchrooms, faculty lounge, school office.

- Signs will be displayed throughout our building to remind students/staff of our procedures of social distancing, wearing masks, etc.
- Classrooms will have seating spaced as much as possible in each room. All desks will face the same direction.
- Students should walk close to the outside walls when in a two-direction hallway.
- We will do our best to ensure traffic flow is most efficient and causes the least interaction. Where appropriate we will have one-way hallways. When rooms have 2 doors, we will utilize one door for entry and one door for exit.
- Teachers should observe social distancing when in the faculty lunchroom.

3. Staff safety

- We will do our best to accommodate all staff and their needs so that they feel safe in their work environment. Staff members with specific concerns should bring them to administration.
- Substitutes will be utilized as necessary to ensure safety in all situations.
- We will provide safety equipment and PPE as needed for our teachers.

4. Strategies to ensure protective equipment

- We currently have disposable masks on hand for teachers and students to use as needed.
- Plastic gloves will be provided as needed for staff to use.
- We are going to have clear face shields available to our teachers. Teachers may need to

use them for special situations. ex. (IEP requires the use for a student)

Physical Infrastructure Strategies

- Our goal is to ensure safety while minimizing disruption to learning and teaching in our building.
- All students will enter the building through the front door during regular school hours. At the conclusion of the day, students may exit the building at the most convenient place.
- Teachers will be responsible in their classrooms to ensure students are social distancing and wearing masks appropriately. All staff and administration will work together to ensure students interact in a safe manner throughout the campus.
- Students should be responsible at all times and follow safety procedures.
- Due to constraints and space, additional areas will be used as classrooms and study halls. These areas will have desks and chairs set up and spaced apart for students. Teachers will direct students as to what areas are available during the day. Students not using these spaces properly may lose access and be assigned a different area.
- Areas where student line up regularly will be marked on the floor for proper distancing ex. Cafeteria food line.
- Signage will be used to remind students of traffic flow, entrance and exit points, etc.
- Patio's will be open for students to use. If students are outside and observing social distancing, they may remove their face coverings. These coverings must be put back on when students are ready to enter the school.
- Teachers are encouraged to use outdoor classroom environments when appropriate. Social distancing should be maintained at all times while outside. Everyone should wash their hands or hand sanitize upon returning to the building.
- Lockers will be available to students upon request. They will be assigned and may not be shared. We will leave an empty locker between each used locker.

Transportation and Food Service Strategies

1. We will abide by rules set forth by the bus companies which transport our students to school. For our Gibault driver routes, we will limit contact with driver and space students as much as possible during transport. Students will wear a mask while being transported.
2. Field trips must be approved by the principal and planned for safety. They should be essential to the understanding of coursework. Other ways of exploring data should be explored first.

3. Our cafeteria workers will observe cleanliness and safety procedures while preparing food for our students. Students will be served one at a time while social distancing in line. They will be seated at 8 ft tables at opposite ends of the table. The cafeteria will be limited to 50 people so we will ask students to leave when they are finished eating and move to one of our study areas in the school for the rest of their free mods. We will continue to look for ways to serve our lunches in the safest manner. We will modify this plan as needed to accommodate all students during lunch time.