

## Returning To School Plan: Addendum #3—Published July 28, 2020

Dear St. Cecilia families and friends,

I hope this finds you and your families well. After the recent announcements by community school districts, we know that many of you have been in patient anticipation for our school to release a confirmation regarding the start of school. To speak of the hours of prayerful consideration this has been given by me and our leadership team would be an understatement. Thank you for your continued support and patience.

In light of the recent local Order closing public and private schools and the heightened concerns regarding the spread of COVID-19 in Harris County, and after prayerful deliberation, we have made the difficult decision to modify our school calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. With the guidance of the Catholic Schools office and the CDC recommendations for reopening schools, as opposed to beginning the year remotely for all of our students, we have decided to delay the start of school until **Tuesday, September 8** with the hope of bringing those students who want an in-person learning environment back on campus. We will be preparing for an in-person start on September 8th, but we will be sure to communicate any contingency plans we will execute should the need arise to modify that plan. In addition, we will be hosting a number of events during the last week of August and the first week of September to ensure our students and families are prepared for a safe and effective return to school.

We remain committed to returning our students to face to face instruction with our teachers and on our St. Cecilia campus. The significant health risks that we have been presented with during this pandemic have required all of us to be more flexible than ever, and to make adjustments to our daily schedules and decisions. In addition to giving our community a few extra weeks to experience a hopeful decline in the recent spike in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, the three-week delay will also allow our faculty and staff to effectively prepare for in-person instruction, as well as the remote learning experience that will be offered to the families who select that mode of learning. As each family assesses the level of risk they are comfortable with, we continue to offer a [Remote Learning Plan](#) for those families who wish to learn from home this year, which will also commence on September 8th.

While this is disappointing to all of us, and we have heard from members of our community both for and against a remote or delayed start, we do feel this is the right decision for the health and safety of our students and our teachers. As educational professionals, we believe this decision is in the best interest of the whole child: mind, heart, and spirit.

This delayed start, which coincides with many public and Catholic schools in our area, requires us to make necessary adjustments to our school day and our school calendar. Please take some time to review the modified calendar in the addendum and on our website. The modified school day includes an extra 20 minutes per day which allows for additional outdoor breaks for our students. The modified school calendar identifies our new last day of school as June 4.

We appreciate your continued support and confidence, and we look forward to seeing your children in our hallways again soon.

[Jeff Matthews](#), Principal

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## Returning To School Plan: Addendum #3— Schedule Updates (July 28, 2020)

### School Year and School Day Updates



- The first day of school will be September 8th.
- The last day of school will be June 4th.
- The modified school day includes an extra 20 minutes per day.
- This allows for additional outdoor / mask breaks for our students.
- School Day begins at 7:50AM
- School Day ends at 3:35PM
- There are no half days / Early Dismissal days.
- Please see page 5 of this addendum for the updated one page calendar.
- Updates to our online Google calendar will be complete by July 31, 2020.
- Summer Assignments will not be due until September 8th.

### Athletics



- The league – the GHCAA (Greater Houston Catholic Athletic Association) that governs our school sports (Cross Country, Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Softball, Track) has decided to postpone all sports this first semester.
- They are working on a plan to have schools play sports starting in January 2021—including those normally played during the first semester.
- The GHCAA plans and schedules for all the sports to be played starting in January 2021 are not available to the schools at this time. We will communicate an update when we have the plan from the league.
- Our football team plays in a different league – the GCFL – and they have decided to play football starting with games in late September.
- Parents of students interested in playing football will be contacted soon regarding practice schedules and games.



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### Week of August 24th

<b>Monday, August 24th</b>	<b>Class Lists Sent to Families</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scheduling for Hopes &amp; Fears Conferences begins</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, August 25th—9AM</b>	<b>New Family Welcome (Round 1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sign Up Genius will be sent out soon to sign up for times</li> <li>A virtual option will also be available.</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, August 25th— 1PM</b>	<b>Returning Families Sneak A Peek (PK4—2nd Grade)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sign Up Genius will be sent out soon to sign up for times</li> <li>A virtual option will also be available.</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, August 26th— 9AM</b>	<b>New Family Welcome (Round 2)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sign Up Genius will be sent out soon to sign up for times</li> <li>A virtual option will also be available.</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, August 26th— 11AM</b>	<b>Returning Families Sneak A Peek (PK4—2nd Grade)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sign Up Genius will be sent out soon to sign up for times</li> <li>A virtual option will also be available.</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, August 27th— 9AM</b>	<b>Returning Families Sneak A Peek (PK4—2nd Grade)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sign Up Genius will be sent out soon to sign up for times</li> <li>A virtual option will also be available.</li> </ul>

### Week of August 31st

<b>Tuesday, September 1st —9AM</b>	<b>Used Uniform Sale (Day 1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sign Up Genius will be sent out soon to sign up for times</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, September 1st — 1PM</b>	<b>Hopes &amp; Fears Conferences - Virtual (Day 1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sign Up Genius will be sent out soon to sign up for times</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, September 2nd — 9AM</b>	<b>Used Uniform Sale (Day 2)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sign Up Genius will be sent out soon to sign up for times</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, September 2nd — 9AM</b>	<b>Hopes &amp; Fears Conferences — Virtual (Day 2)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sign Up Genius will be sent out soon to sign up for times</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, September 3rd — 9AM</b>	<b>Hopes &amp; Fears Conferences — Virtual (Day 3)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sign Up Genius will be sent out soon to sign up for times</li> </ul>



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### Week of September 7th

<b>Monday, September 7th</b>	<b>Labor Day</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 8th</b>	<b>First Day of School</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular Carpool in both morning and afternoon</li> <li>• No classroom drop off or pick up</li> <li>• No Early Dismissal—it is a full day of school</li> <li>• Bridges begins</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, September 9th— Friday, September 11th</b>	<b>Each day will be the same as Tuesday, September 8th</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular carpool in both morning and afternoon</li> <li>• No classroom drop off or pick up</li> <li>• No Early Dismissal—all are full days of school</li> <li>• Bridges available</li> </ul>

### Week of September 14th

<b>Monday, September 14th—8:15AM</b>	<b>Java With Jeff (Virtual) –PK3 through Kindergarten</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zoom info will be sent out in September.</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, September 15th—8:15AM</b>	<b>Java With Jeff (Virtual) –8th Grade</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zoom info will be sent out in September.</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, September 16th—8:15AM</b>	<b>Java With Jeff (Virtual) – 1st &amp; 2nd Grades</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zoom info will be sent out in September.</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, September 17th—8:15AM</b>	<b>Java With Jeff (Virtual) – 3rd, 4th, &amp; 5th Grades</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zoom info will be sent out in September.</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, September 18th—8:15AM</b>	<b>Java With Jeff (Virtual) – 6th &amp; 7th Grades</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zoom info will be sent out in September.</li> </ul>





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**Calendar Legend**

Holiday	
Inservice (No School)	
Last Day of School	
School Start / Semester Resume	
Conferences (No School)	

Full Calendar: [www.saintceciliacatholicsschool.org/calendar](http://www.saintceciliacatholicsschool.org/calendar)

### Holidays

Labor Day	September 7th
Thanksgiving Break	November 23rd - 27th
Christmas Break	December 21st - January 4th
Martin Luther King Jr.	January 18th
Spring Break	March 15th - 19th
Easter Break	April 2nd - 5th
Memorial Day	May 31st

### Important Dates

Sneak A Peek	August 25th - 27th
Hopes & Fears Conferences	September 1st - 3rd
First Day of School	September 8th
Celebration of Learning Conference	October 30th
Celebration of Learning Conference	March 26th
8th Grade Graduation	May 27th
Last Day of School	June 4th

### No Bridges Days

**First Semester**  
October 30th, November 20th, & December 18th

**Second Semester**  
March 26th, April 1st, April 23rd, May 27th, & June 4th

### Quarter Term Dates

1st Quarter	September 8th - October 16th
2nd Quarter	October 19th - December 18th
3rd Quarter	January 5th - March 12th
4th Quarter	March 22nd - June 4th

Date of last update: July 28, 2020  
Calendar subject to change.

