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Back to Campus





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Prepared for Any Scenario

The administration, faculty, and staff of Seffner Christian Academy are more determined than ever to fulfill our mission of educating leaders for Christ. In the midst of uncertainty and global unrest, we have the Answer - Jesus! We have defined plans with a renewed excitement to share the life changing hope the Lord has for His children with a hurting world.

Back to school will look very different this year. However, we are dedicated to making sure the following pillars of our program remain constant, regardless of the manner in which learning takes place:

- Energetic, engaging teachers who love the Lord and your child
- A focus on seeing the world and knowledge through a Biblical lens
- A challenging, robust, academic program which encourages critical thinking
- A well-rounded program with opportunities in athletics and the arts
- Technology-infused curriculum that teaches students to be upstanding digital citizens

Additionally, if school resumes via...

In Person:	Through SCA Virtual:	Mandated Distance Learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teacher-paced learning• Classrooms modified to support social distancing, when possible• Social distancing standards and moderated interaction• Focus on hygiene and good health habits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student-paced learning• Low student-to-teacher ratios• Regular live online instruction• Scheduled teacher check-ins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teacher-paced learning• Frequent live classes• Whole class lessons and activities• Accessible teachers with regular office hours each day• Need-based supervised on-campus study halls



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Why we believe we need to return to campus:

- Believers, including the young ones, need community, and the impact we can make for Christ in-person is amplified when we can connect face-to-face.
- The American Pediatric Association advises all policy considerations for the coming school year “should start with the goal of having students on campus”.
- The Florida Department of Education is encouraging schools to safely reopen.
- We believe learning takes place best in a face-to-face, in-person environment.
- Numerous studies cite the importance of the school routine for the emotional well-being of students.
- We’ve heard clearly from our SCA Family that parents and students are ready to be back on campus.





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Ways you can help prepare your child for back to school

As you prepare to send your student back to school, you can help facilitate a smooth transition back to campus by helping reinforce healthy habits.

Practice Healthy Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Teach, model, and practice frequent and proper handwashing habits.● Use hand sanitizer when soap and water is not readily available.● Cover coughs and sneezes.● Stay home when sick.● Practice wearing a face covering.
Keep Children Safe and Secure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Keep well-child appointments and doctor visits.● Ensure immunizations and physicals are current.● Talk with your child about how they are feeling.● Pray with your child and remind them that God is sovereign and we can trust Him.
Partner with Us to Keep Our Campus Safe and Healthy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Stay home if you are sick.● Stay home and follow CDC guidelines if you or someone in your household is exposed to Covid-19.● Limit personal items sent to school with your child.● Avoid unnecessary travel.● Keep your child home when they are not feeling well, or are displaying symptoms of illness.● Observe our “No Visitor Policy”, understanding this will be regularly reviewed in accordance with CDC and Health official guidance.



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Carline – Arrival and Drop Off

Parents and student drivers will be expected to adhere to pick up and drop off policies. This includes utilizing the assigned drop off areas, and having temperatures scanned each day.

Arrival Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Students will be allowed on campus starting at 7:00 a.m.● Students should have their temperatures taken at a Temperature Check-In station each morning.● Students (K5-12th grade) who arrive at school before 7:35 a.m. will report to the Cafeteria. Preschool students will report to their classrooms.● Dismissal to classrooms from the Cafeteria will begin at 7:35 a.m.
Dismissal Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Student dismissal times will be staggered as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none">* 2:40 p.m.- Student Drivers* 2:45 p.m.- Elementary* 3:00 p.m.- Middle School* 3:05 p.m.- High School● Preschool/K5 will be dismissed from Preschool Carline.● Elementary students will be divided into groups to help with social distancing.● Elementary students will be moved to the Cafeteria for Crusader Care at 3:05 p.m.

Please see the drop off map on the following page for drop off and temperature screening locations.

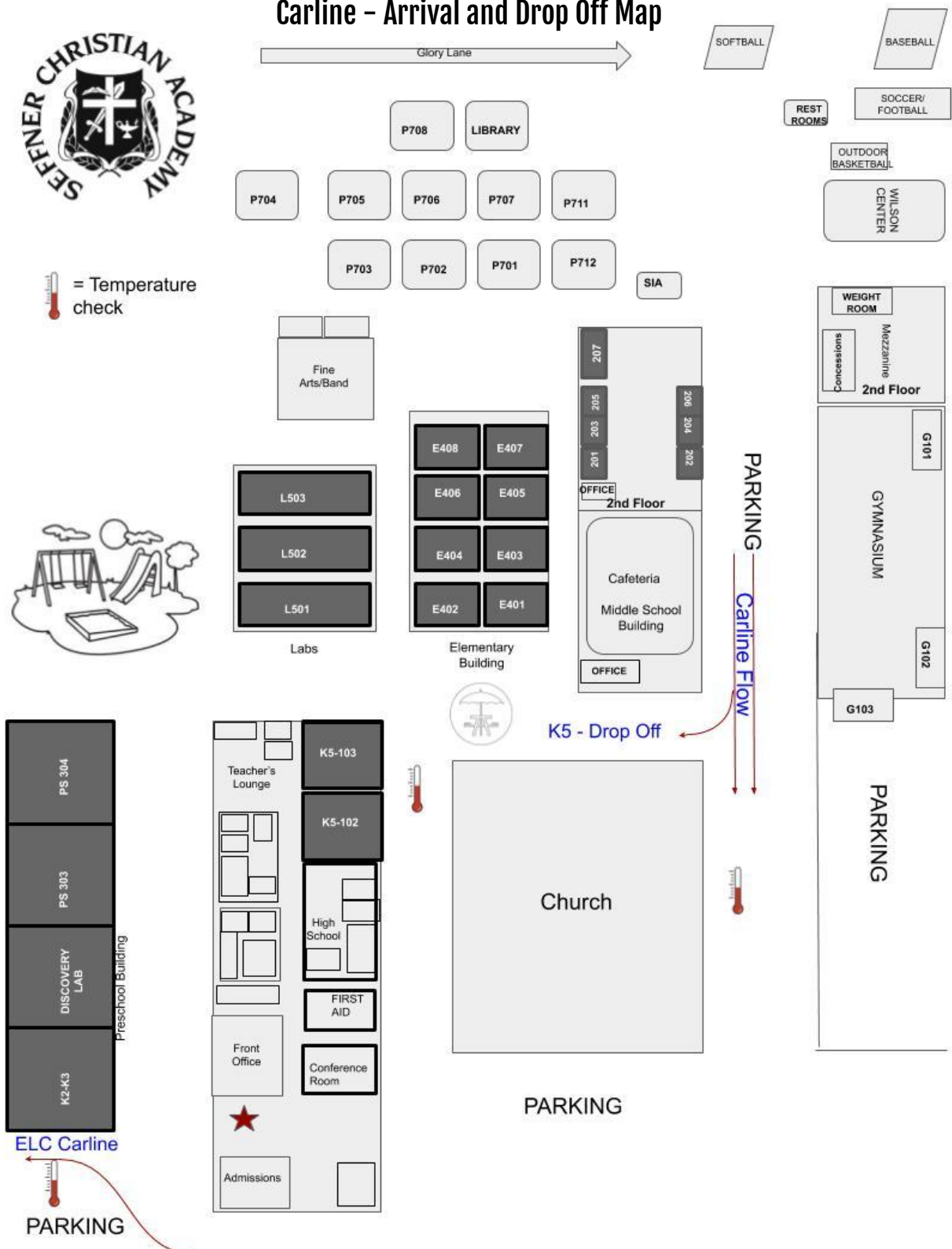


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Carline - Arrival and Drop Off Map





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Social Distancing

Desks and Spacing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tables and desks will be spaced for maximum distancing, based on availability of space in rooms.• Face- to- face positioning will be limited and reduced, if possible.• Classroom furniture is minimized for more space in the classroom.• Students will utilize their own supplies. There will be no shared supplies available.• Movement will be monitored in order to support social distancing.
One Way Halls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Signage will be posted in hallways to designate one way traffic patterns, when feasible.• Doors will be propped open when possible and conditions allow.• Locker assignments will be staggered.• Class dismissal will be staggered, as needed.
Limited Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carline and dismissal times will be staggered.• Chapel will be offered in a socially-distanced manner.• Secondary lunch will be in the cafeteria and seating arrangements will be conducive to socially distant guidelines. Elementary students will eat in classrooms.• We will abide by the Governor's Statewide Executive Order for group size.• Large group gatherings in the parking lot will be discouraged.
Calendar and Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additional school days may be added to the school calendar, and will be posted and publicized on the school website.• Events may be modified or rescheduled based on health guidelines.



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Should I come to school?

A great deal of the success for a safe return to in-person learning depends on our school families to ensure they are partnering with us to keep our campus safe and healthy. By sending their child to school, families are agreeing they will monitor their child and family for symptoms, respond appropriately, and inform the SCA First Aid Office when necessary. Additionally, parents may be required to provide physician's notes, testing results, or communicate with the CDC and local Health Departments based on SCA's discretion.

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Should you come to school?

DO YOU HAVE
SYMPTOMS OF
COVID-19?

YES

You must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducers, as well as at least 10 days from the onset of symptoms.

NO

HAVE YOU BEEN
EXPOSED TO SOMEONE
WHO HAS TESTED
POSITIVE FOR COVID OR
IS SOMEONE IN YOUR
HOUSEHOLD AWAITING
RESULTS?

YES

You may return after a negative test result OR 14 days after the initial exposure.

NO

HAVE YOU BEEN TO
A STATE WITH A
TRAVEL ADVISORY
IN THE LAST 14
DAYS?

YES

You must stay home for 14 days from the date of your return

Yes, come to school!

NO



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A Safe and Healthy Return

COVID Exposure Protocols

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness with many symptoms. In the chart below, “Symptoms” are considered one of the four common symptoms which are: fever/chills, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing; **OR** any two of the following: fatigue, muscle, body aches, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea. Symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as many as 14 days following exposure.

<p>If a student or staff member displays COVID symptoms:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Student</u>: Immediately isolate in a COVID Isolation area. ● <u>Staff or faculty member</u>: Immediately sent home. ● Parent contacted for students to pick up within 30 minutes. ● Individual’s physician should be contacted and the instructions reported to SCA. ● Individual will quarantine and not return to school until he/she is fever free for 24 hours and 10 days from the onset of symptoms or has a doctor’s note/negative COVID test.
<p>If a student or staff member has been exposed to COVID:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Exposure would consist of a time greater than 15 minutes of close contact (less than 6 ft.) without Personal Protective Equipment on. ● If this exposure occurs, the person should self quarantine for 14 days. ● If symptoms appear, the person should be tested and SCA should be notified of the results.
<p>If a student or staff member has tested positive for COVID:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Notify the school. SCA will inform those potentially exposed on a need to know basis. ● The classroom that the individual was in will be closed for 24 hours and then disinfected. (Classes will be relocated to the Wilson Center, if necessary.) ● Household members residing with positive case must self-quarantine. ● Student or staff member can only return to school when symptoms have resolved, they are 10 days out from the initial signs of infection, and they are fever free for 24 hours, per the CDC.



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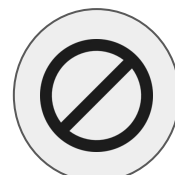
Temperature Screenings

Temperatures for all students, faculty and staff will be taken upon arrival.



Hygiene Promoted and Taught

Students will be reminded to practice safe hygiene throughout their day.



Isolated COVID Wait Rooms

Anyone exhibiting COVID symptoms will be placed in an isolated room while waiting to be picked up.



Face Coverings

Face coverings are required for all students (K5-12th grade), faculty, and staff (minimal patterns and no words or logos). Unmasking areas will be designated and mask breaks will be given, at the teacher's discretion.



Hand Sanitizer

Hand sanitizer stations will be available in each classroom and throughout campus. Students will be asked to sanitize their hands before entering a classroom.



Increased Sanitizing of Surfaces

Any surfaces that are considered high traffic or high contact will be sanitized and disinfected throughout the day. Bathrooms will be disinfected throughout the day. Additional janitorial staff has been hired.



Classrooms

Classrooms will be disinfected throughout the day.



Water Fountains

Water fountains will NOT be available on campus. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle from home to stay properly hydrated.



Air Purifiers

Air purifiers will be frequently used in high contact areas.



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Student Life

Athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow FHSAA Regulations. Spectators at sporting events will only be allowed subject to the Governor's Executive Order on large group gatherings. When possible, sporting events will be live-streamed.
Cafeteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One-way traffic flow will be established; lines will be defined with signage. Use of restrooms will be limited. No fountain drinks will be served. Limited bottled drinks will be available. Lunch will be served in a bagged grab-and-go fashion. Every effort will be made to provide a hot meal option. Sharing of food will not be allowed. Cafeteria will be disinfected between lunches. Socially distanced seating, when possible for secondary students. Elementary students will have lunch in rooms.
Fine Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual/Modified Events to comply with the Governor's Executive Order on large group gatherings. Live stream will be utilized, when possible.
Playground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One class will be scheduled to use the playground at a time. Indoor recess will be offered on rotating days. Playground equipment will be disinfected after each class use. No water fountains will be in use on the playground. Water will be served in individual cups for the students who are on the playground.
Crusader Care (Aftercare)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temperature will be screened upon arrival. Students will be socially distanced in cafeteria (K5 and older) and in ELC room (preschool). Parents will pick up students through the Crusader Care Carline by the cafeteria or the Preschool Carline. Supplies will not be shared. School-day playground protocol will be followed.
Early Learning Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nap mats will be placed 6 ft. apart, and be disinfected daily. Frequent handwashing will be encouraged. Lunch will be in classrooms. Parents will not be permitted in classrooms. If the State of Florida declares for K-12 institutions to close, the SCA ELC will remain open with a 9:1 ratio on campus. Preschool families who choose to keep their students at home during this season will be able to "pause" their enrollment status and will not be asked to reapply when they choose to return. However, a child's spot cannot be reserved unless the full tuition is paid monthly.



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Day-to-Day Operations

Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any visitor on campus will be required to wear a face covering. Visitors will NOT be permitted in classrooms or the Cafeteria. All visitors must check in at the front office and will not be permitted to go beyond the front office. Class treats must be store bought, individually wrapped and delivered to the front office. SCA personnel will deliver to the cafeteria. Parents will not be permitted to drop lunch off at the front office.
Front Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signs will be placed at the entrance to the front office with SCA's COVID policies. Social distancing markers will be in place to indicate proper distancing.
Sign in/Sign Out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pens will be separated as used/unused and sanitized after use. While signing in your child, observe social distancing in the lobby. Preschool and younger elementary students (1st - 3rd grade) being signed in late will be escorted to class by a Teacher Assistant. Students who leave early will utilize a buddy system to report to the office. Parents should wait outside, under the awning once they have signed out their child.
Admissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After checking in and getting temperatures taken, prospective families will be asked to wait in the Admissions Lounge. The Admissions Lounge will be sanitized after each scheduled tour. Shadowing for Admissions purposes will not be permitted. Tours will be limited to the hours after school and before sanitizing in classrooms takes place.
Restroom Etiquette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students and visitors should continue to wear a face covering in restrooms. Restroom capacity will be limited and posted on each entrance.
Face Coverings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face coverings should be worn anytime a person is on campus and cannot observe 6 feet of distance between others. Opportunities to take a mask break will be given as conditions allow. Unmasking stations will be designated for use. This is at the teacher's discretion for our students.



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Mandated Closure

When Florida schools were issued an emergency shut down order in the spring of 2020, SCA quickly made adjustments to our curriculum and teaching platforms to meet the needs of our students. In the time that has followed, SCA Administration has been able to invest in, research, and educate ourselves on the best practices for distance learning. As a result, SCA is committed to providing a quality distance learning program with a Biblical worldview. Our desire is to ensure that all of our SCA students remain on course to continue achieving their academic goals - whether they are learning on campus in a classroom or in a distance learning virtual environment.

If an interruption of on campus learning occurs due to an unmanageable outbreak of COVID in our county or state, parents can expect a seamless transition into our *SCA Enhanced Distance Learning*. Enhanced Distance Learning will be intentional in improvements from the past spring, and will contain many of the components of the traditional day.

Mandated Closure

In the unlikely event of a government mandated closure, **SCA Virtual** students will see little to no change.

In the unlikely event of a government mandated closure, **SCA brick and mortar students** can, in addition to all benefits offered by SCA Virtual, expect the following from your assigned on-campus teachers:

- An **automatic** and seamless transfer to our e-learning platform, *SCA Enhanced Distance Learning*.
- Tuition rates will remain the same.
- Seat in classes upon reopening will be reserved.
- Implementation of best practices for quality online learning.
- Teacher paced learning with frequent live classes and regular teacher conferencing hours.
- Online opportunities for collaboration and community in classes.
- Continuity of learning without a break in content.
- Need- based, pre-approved supervised study rooms on campus.



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Looking Ahead...

Our Promise to You

We know these times have been difficult, and the decisions our families are facing can be very heavy. Our administration, faculty, and staff mourn with, and pray for those who have been affected by COVID-19 in any way. As a Christian school community, we are here for you. Please bring us your concerns or questions - we're happy for the privilege to minister to your family in any way we can.

Regardless of how unsettled the state of the world is, we stand ready to face the future with our students- offering them a rigorous and challenging academic program based on the principles of God's Word. Our teachers long to continue building relationships with students and parents, and are ready to invest in the lives of your children again. In our next communication, you can expect more details on:

- Orientation
- Class assignments
- The first day of school
- Crusader Care (Aftercare)
- Additional details for on campus procedures
- Calendar additions and changes
- An updated COVID FAQ
- Instructions for completing our Health Partnership Pledge

Know that we are evaluating these policies often and will be sure to communicate updates to you as they develop. As policies or changes are in effect, you will find up to date information on our school website in our [COVID Resource Portal](#). Additionally, any questions or concerns can be directed to info@scacrusaders.com.

We are praying Philippians 4:6-7 over you and your families: 'do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus'.

We look forward to having you back on campus!

SCA Administration