2020-2021 After School Care Program Guidelines

Hours

The After School Care program is held from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM each day that there is a full day of school. Pre-K students will be walked to the cafeteria by a preschool staff member at 3:30 pm. Students in grades K-3 will be picked up from their classroom at approximately 3:30 pm by an After School Care worker and walked to the cafeteria. Students in grades 4-8 will be dismissed from their homeroom and shortly after dismissal and called over the announcements to the cafeteria for the After School Care program.

While children may be picked up by their parents or guardians any time during the 2 ½ hours, all children must be picked up by 6:00 PM. Parents/Guardians need to park their car and enter the school through the Cafeteria doors and sign their child out of the program each day. In efforts to keep our school safe, the doors to the cafeteria remain locked. You will need to ring the doorbell to the left of the cafeteria door and be admitted by one of the staff. Only adults who have been listed on your Approved Pick Up Sheet will be permitted to sign out your child and take them home.

In the case of unforeseen circumstances when a 6:00 pm pickup is not possible, arrangements must be made, by you, for an alternate adult to pick up your child. This alternate adult must be on your Approved Pickup Sheet. If this is impossible, call the school office at 389-3242 and press 3 for After School Care. If you cannot reach an After School Care staff member, please call the Parish Office at 661-6565.

We will release your child to a coach and walk them to practice in the gym or on one of the St. Ignatius sports fields if you have given us written permission ahead of time to do so. Your note should include the coach's name & field/practice location and time.

Special 2020 COVID Guidelines

- Due to COVID, spacing in After Care will be limited.
- Students must wear a mask at all times and will have their temperature checked daily by an After Care staff member. Students with a fever must be picked up immediately.
- All family members will be seated together in assigned seats, along with their belongings, and encouraged to stay seated at all times. Pre-K students will be seated together, unless they have older siblings.
- Children will be asked to wash their hands before and after using any shared After Care supplies.
- Parents entering the building, to pick up a child, must wear a mask. We ask that only one parent enter the building; other family members should remain outside.
- Please see attached Morning/After Care information from Mr. Vance.

Fees and Scheduling

After School Care Fee is \$9.00 per day per child. Checks should be made payable to St. Ignatius School. A \$1/minute per child late fee will be charged if children are not picked up by 6:00 PM. Reservations and payment should be made by Thursday of the week prior to needing After School Care. A completed After School Care Registration Form must be on file before your child will be permitted to stay. Your payment reserves a spot in the program for your child for the following week. Any unused positive balance will be carried forward to the next week. We will schedule childcare workers based on the number of reservations. A \$25.00 fee will be assessed for any returned checks.

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Operation

The St. Ignatius After School Care program is designed to assist working parents who are not available to pick up their children at regular school dismissal time and do not have other childcare arrangements. The caregivers at After School Care are committed to serving the best interests of the students in the program, which includes providing individual attention, security, and fair treatment for all the children. Opportunities for arts and crafts, games, recreation, snack**, rest time, and homework time will be available. Caregivers will maintain a comfortable atmosphere that complements the Christian environment of the home and school. We will only accept children enrolled in St. Ignatius School.

Safety

While at the program, all students are expected to respect the safety rules of the school and our program:

- 1. No student may play outside or anywhere inside the building without direct supervision.
- 2. No student may be dismissed to an unapproved person.
- 3. No student may walk or ride bikes home without specific, signed permission from their parents or guardian that has been preapproved by the principal.
- 4. All school rules and regulations for safety and conduct apply to the After School Program.

** Food Allergies

With the increasing number of food allergy concerns at St. Ignatius, the task for supplying safe and healthy snacks to all students is a challenge. Unfortunately, a child with food allergies will not be permitted to eat the snack being served by After School Care. With this in mind, we are asking if your child has a food allergy of any kind that you please send your child's appropriate snack with them. We will gladly store up to a week's worth of snacks for you in a separate bin (which we can supply), clearly marked with your child's name on it. We will still provide the drink (unless you want to make other arrangements). Water, juice, KoolAid, lemonade, or milk will be available.

Illness and Accident

The After School Care program will have access to and will follow directions given on the Emergency Medical Forms parents have submitted to St. Ignatius School. In cases that appear serious, the caregivers will carry out the instructions given on the Emergency Medical Form and/or call 911. Parents need to have plans for taking their ill children home promptly. Please note the school nurse is not on duty after 3:30 PM. However, if your child should need medication during the After School Care program, please make prior arrangements with the school nurse. If a minor injury occurs, basic "first aid" will be administered on the premises.

Early Dismissal

If the school is scheduled for an early dismissal or if inclement weather requires it, the After School Care program will be closed and not available.

For additional information, please contact the school office at 389-3242 or email Amy Mueller: amueller@saintischool.org.

MORNING CARE AND AFTER CARE

MORNING CARE/AFTER CARE

- Parents should conduct a daily student wellness check including temperature prior to bringing child to school.
- When entering the building, students and parents will wear a face mask.
- A temperature screening will occur when arriving at the cafeteria. Anyone with a temperature greater than 100 degrees will be sent to the nurses station wearing a face mask or immediately with the person dropping them off.
- Students should wash their hands in the restroom or use hand sanitizer before going to their table.
- Each student or family will be assigned a table in the cafeteria for their books, coats, and any other personal materials.
- Students can be placed in small groups no larger than 10 and distanced from the other groups by more than 6 feet. We encourage students to stay with their siblings at their assigned table.
- Students should be encouraged to participate in activities that don't require moving around the room such as coloring books, reading books, crossword puzzles, etc.

MORNING CARE/AFTER CARE

- Students will remain in the cafeteria until 8:15 am when they will be released to their homeroom teacher.
- All students and staff must wear their face mask when in the hallways, homerroms, and cafeteria.
- Cafeteria tables and benches should be sanitized after each use either in the morning or in after school care.
- Food items and utensils provided by the school should be individually wrapped and disposable.

HOW TO SIGN UP

Parents will need to contact Mrs. Beth Reynolds for **morning care** at breynolds@saintischool.org

Interested in **after school care**, contact Mrs. Amy Mueller at amueller@saintischool.org

2020-2021 After-School Care Registration Form

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