



## **50/50 Hybrid Return to School Information**

Students will be divided into their House and will attend school every other day. The Brother Rice House System is set up to group students evenly into four different houses. Incoming freshmen will find out their house placement on the first day of orientation Tuesday, August 18.

House Cork and House Waterford will be grouped as “Maroon,” and House Limerick and House Dublin will be together as the “Orange” group. Each group will attend school in the building on alternating days; for example, Maroon will be in the building Monday, Wednesday and Friday while Orange works remotely from home; and Orange will be in the building Tuesday and Thursday and Maroon will work remotely from home. The following week, Orange will attend Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and Maroon will attend Tuesday and Thursday. In the case of days off school, we will pick up where we left off on the Maroon/Orange schedule. Students that are not on-campus will be required to participate in the class from home via live Zoom meetings. Attendance will be taken every day and every class period for on-site and remote learners.

To begin the year, the Maroon group will be on campus Wednesday, August 19 and Friday, August 21. The Orange group will be on-campus on Thursday, August 20 and Monday, August 24. There will be no remote learning for the first four days.

Beginning Tuesday, August 25, the Maroon group will be on-campus Tuesday, and Thursday while the Orange group works remotely; and the Orange group will be on campus Wednesday, Friday while the Maroon group works remotely from home.

## **On-Campus Arrival Information**

- Masks must be worn 100% of the time by everyone in the building, except when eating.
- Students must enter the building on the north side of the campus. Students will have temperature checks before they enter school and will be asked if they are demonstrating any symptoms during first period.
- Students will not be allowed to congregate in the cafeteria or library. Social distancing will take place whenever possible, and every room in the school will contain less than 50 students.
- Juniors and seniors will begin class at 8:08 a.m., and freshmen and sophomores will begin at 8:12 a.m.



## **On-Campus Class Information**

- Students will only be allowed to go to their lockers before school, after school and on their way to lunch.
- Students will be allowed to bring their own clear water bottles. Water fountains will be off-limits, except for the bottle refill stations.
- The teacher will clean desks after every class period.
- Directional hallways and staircases will be implemented. The main hallways on both floors will go both directions. Students may also use the sidewalk near the football field to get to the cafeteria during passing periods.
- Juniors/seniors and freshmen/sophomores will have their own passing period.

## **Lunch**

- Lunch tables will be limited to four students per table. Tables will be socially distanced. Students will remain at that table for the semester.
- Students will also be able to eat outside on picnic tables or in the gym in case of inclement weather.
- Mealtime cards must be used to purchase food, and no change will be given. The difference will go on your mealtime card. To avoid fees, have your son bring cash or a check made out to *Country House* to be deposited into his account.
- Masks must be worn until students sit down at their table.
- Students in the lunch period will be divided by location into groups of 50 or less.
- Food will be served in packaged and covered containers by the vendor. (Our menu has not changed; there will be extra precaution taken by the food service as required by the City of Chicago).

## **Dismissal**

- Junior/senior students will be dismissed 4 minutes before the freshmen/sophomore students.
- Students must exit the campus as soon as possible; no loitering in the building after school will be allowed.
- Sports/clubs/activities will be allowed if possible; details will be made available as soon as we are informed by the relevant governing bodies.
- If there are no sports, there will not be a 5:30 p.m. activity bus provided.
- Masks must be worn until the students exit the building and are socially distant.



## **E-learning Student Expectations**

Students are expected to be directly engaged and participate in all lessons. Student behavior expectations will remain the same throughout the course of the e-learning schedule and in accordance with the school's Acceptable Use Policy as described in our *Student-Parent Handbook*.

## **E-learning Attendance**

Students are expected to be logged in at or before the start time of each scheduled classroom meeting and remain in the class unless otherwise directed by the instructor. **Attendance will be taken each period.** Students or parents are asked to contact teachers prior to the start of class if unable to log in on-time or to attend a class. Parents are requested to notify the attendance office if a student will be absent for all classes for a day. The office and individual teachers will work to be in touch with families regarding excessive absences.

## **E-learning Behavior Expectations**

- Students are expected to be engaged and avoid distracting behavior.
- All language and communications are to remain school appropriate.
- In all video and still photo images, students are expected to be appropriately groomed and in inappropriate attire (no sleepwear, visible undergarments, or shirts with inappropriate language or imagery).
- Students may not take screenshots or otherwise record any part of the online class without the prior permission of the teacher.
- When logging in, students must use their first and last name and their school-issued email address.
- Students may not use any other name or nickname.
- All work submitted during distance learning is to be the student's own.
- Brother Rice students are held to standards of the school's Academic Integrity Policies, whether on or off-campus.

## **Reporting E-learning Issues**

Communication will be provided as needed and may include updates and adjustments to these policies or schedules as deemed necessary. Student and parent participation is crucial for our continued improvement of e-learning services.



## Curriculum

- Normal physical education classes will not be offered at this time. Instead, the required health class will be taken by both freshmen and sophomore students.
- A student may request either of the following options:
  - Be completely remote due to underlying health conditions (Medical Doctor authorization required).
  - Be entirely on campus due to ICEP (Medical Doctor authorization required)

## School Environment

To provide as safe an environment as possible and comply with appropriate regulatory guidance (the City of Chicago, State of IL), we will plan for the following:

- All students will wear a **solid colored or Brother Rice** mask (face covering) 100% of the time while in attendance at Brother Rice. Exceptions will be for lunch, and scheduled “mask breaks” (done with appropriate distancing).
- All faculty will wear a mask or shield while instructing; all administrative and non-teaching employees will wear a mask unless stationary and alone.
- Bathrooms will be cleaned every two hours, and the school will be thoroughly cleaned each evening.
  - Foaming hand sanitizers will be available in all classrooms and all restrooms.
  - All touchpoints in the restrooms will be wiped down every other class period by the maintenance staff.
- Every classroom and gathering area will have a container of Ecolab surface cleaner and disinfectant wipes (EPA approved) for wiping down surfaces between classes. This product has a 45 second kill time for the virus.
- Fitness rooms, gyms, and wrestling areas will be treated at night with a misting applicator. During the day, there will be wipes in these areas as well to be used as needed.
- The entire school building will be cleaned and sanitized every night by our cleaning service.
- Social distancing will be adhered to whenever possible, both in the classroom and hallways.
- Teachers will sanitize each desk before class begins.



## **Homeroom Schedule**

### **Juniors/Seniors**

Period 0 - 7:00 - 7:35  
Period 1 - 7:48/8:08 - 8:43  
Period 2 - 8:47 - 9:22  
Announcements - 9:22 - 9:29  
Period 3 - 9:33 - 10:08  
Period 4 - 10:12 - 10:47  
Period 5 - 10:51 - 11:26  
Period 6 - 11:30 - 12:05  
Period 7 - 12:09 - 12:44  
Period 8 - 12:48 - 1:23

### **Freshmen/Sophomores**

Period 0 - 7:00 - 8:00  
Period 1 - 7:52/8:12 - 8:47  
Period 2 - 8:51 - 9:26  
Announcements - 9:26 - 9:33  
Period 3 - 9:37 - 10:12  
Period 4 - 10:16 - 10:51  
Period 5 - 10:55 - 11:30  
Period 6 - 11:34 - 12:09  
Period 7 - 12:13 - 12:48  
Period 8 - 12:52 - 1:27

## **Regular Day Schedule**

### **Juniors/Seniors**

Period 0 - 7:00 - 7:45  
Period 1 - 7:48/8:08 - 8:53  
Period 2 - 8:57- 9:42  
Announcements - 9:42 - 9:49  
Period 3 - 9:53 - 10:38  
Period 4 - 10:42 - 11:27  
Period 5 - 11:31 - 12:16  
Period 6 - 12:20 - 1:05  
Period 7 - 1:09 - 1:54  
Period 8 - 1:58 - 2:43

### **Freshmen/Sophomores**

Period 0 - 7:00 - 8:00  
Period 1 - 7:52/8:12 - 8:57  
Period 2 - 9:01 - 9:46  
Announcements - 9:46 - 9:53  
Period 3 - 9:57 - 10:42  
Period 4 - 10:46 - 11:31  
Period 5 - 11:35 - 12:20  
Period 6 - 12:24 - 1:09  
Period 7 - 1:13 - 1:58  
Period 8 - 2:02 - 2:47



## **Health & Safety Guidelines Regarding COVID - 19**

Our priority is the health and safety of our students. COVID - 19 symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

Symptoms may include the following:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

The following are emergency warning signs of COVID -19 and warrant seeking emergency medical care:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New-onset confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

The measures below are intended to reduce the risk of contracting the virus and are in keeping with the CDC and IDPH guidelines.

- Everyone will be required to wear a surgical mask, solid color mask, or a Brother Rice face mask at all times in school, except during lunch.
- Students with a history of asthma that may be unable to wear the mask must provide a written exemption from their physician.
- Upon entering the building daily, temperatures will be taken. This will be accomplished with individual non-contact forehead scanners.
- Anyone who has a temperature over 100 degrees Fahrenheit will be put in isolation, and parents/guardians will be contacted to pick the student up for dismissal. Adults will follow the same protocol.



- Anyone sent home with a fever must be fever free, with no fever-reducing medicine (Advil/Tylenol) for 72 hours before returning to school.
- During daily temperature checks, everyone will be required to respond on their Chromebooks to a series of standard questions put forth by the CDC and IDPH regarding potential exposure to coronavirus before admittance to the classroom.

### **Positive Test Results for COVID 19**

For any positive test results or close contact with persons testing positive, Brother Rice will adhere to the CDC and IDPH guidelines as follows:

- Persons with positive test results will need to be quarantined for ten days and be fever free (without fever-reducing medications) for 72 hours.
- Those in close contact (defined as being within six feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes, beginning from 48 hours before the person started feeling sick until the time the patient was isolated) need to be quarantined for 14 days from the last contact with a positive case, even if a negative test is received.
- Any student with COVID-like symptoms assessed by the school nurse will be sent home to be evaluated by a physician. If the physician gives a clearance note to return to school without testing, the student may return after a symptom-free 72 hours.