Upper School Low Density Campus Plan (LDCP):

As we prepare for the first cycle of the Low Density Campus Plan, please take a moment to review again the important information related to reopening campus on the SJS website. The School’s messages to the community to date about the reopening can also be found there. Please review information related to: required daily screenings at home, required face coverings, hand hygiene, physical distancing, reporting of COVID cases, and campus status when a COVID case, which is included on the SJS website—a link is found here: Reopening Campus Fall 2020. Please note that you need to download the required Magnus App for daily health screening.

Our theme and emphasis in the Upper School this year is care, our first Precept and Principle of St. John's. Care is the cardinal virtue for the other core values. The SJS community is sustained by caring relationships in which members expend themselves for others, with compassion, courtesy, kindness, and respect. Below, you will read about new guidelines and campus dynamics. These were created in an effort to keep all members of the Upper School community safe and healthy. In particular by attending to these guidelines, students will demonstrate tremendous care and respect for their teachers. It will take practice and some reminders; however, I encourage you to frame these guidelines as a way to care for others, rather than merely "rules"—care is at the heart of "shared responsibility." In showing up daily in these little ways (wearing a mask, avoiding clumping together, staying home if you are not feeling well, practicing social distancing with friends outside of school, etc), you will be caring for the community as a whole.

- **On-Campus 5-Day Schedule (revised from Remote Learning Schedule):**

  In some ways this may look very similar to the Upper School Virtual @ SJS Remote Learning Schedule, but with minor modifications to accommodate transition times. Some specific notes and additional considerations:

  - Required Daily Temperature Checks for all students at the start of the school day or upon arrival to campus
  - Managing the number of transitions for students daily
  - Managing student walking patterns within buildings; including identifying designated one-way stairways in buildings and directional flows in the hallway
  - Disinfecting students’ desks and chairs after each class
  - Creating longer passing periods (10-minutes)
  - *You can find the LDCP/On-Campus schedule here: 2020 US on campus schedule v4.pdf

- **Cycle One of LDCP: (Sept 14 - 25th):**
  - September 14 - September 18: Group A Students on-campus/ Group B students remote
  - September 21 - September 25: Group B Students on-campus/ Group A students remote

- **Cycle Two of LDCP: (September 28-October 9th):**
  - September 28 - October 2: Group A Students on-campus/ Group B students remote
  - October 5 - October 9: Group B Students on-campus/ Group A students remote

- **Campus Orientation for Class 9 and new Class 10 & 11 Students:** In order to orient Class 9 students and new Class 10 and 11 students to the Upper School campus, we will be hosting a Campus Orientation at 8:30 AM on 9/14 and 9/21. As a result there will be a special schedule that
day to allow for time at the beginning of the day to include this program (see special schedule for 9/14 and 9/21 here: [US First Day LDCP Special Schedules 9_14_20, 9_21_20.pdf](#))

**Daily essentials for Groups A and B:**

- **Every student must wear a mask.** Students are expected to have face masks/coverings while on campus. Mask/covering details:
  - Masks must have 2 or more layers of washable, breathable fabric or 2 layer paper, disposable, surgical mask. Please no text on masks; patterns, designs and sports logos/team names are fine.
  - Masks must completely cover nose and mouth and fit snugly on the sides of face without gaps.
  - Masks cannot have a valve.
  - They must be worn at all times except while eating, drinking, or during supervised mask breaks outside. *A mask break can only take place when a student is seated outside and social distanced (not while moving around campus).
  - Parents are asked to send students with a second mask in a ziplock bag to school in case the first mask is lost or becomes unusable for any reason.
- **Bring a lunch and snacks:** SJS food service, including the Mav Cafe, will not be open during the LDCP. Students will likely carry their lunch in their backpack.
- **Students will not receive a locker this year:** this means only bring what you need to school. Many teachers are trying to go more digital and they will also let you know if you need to bring your textbook to school. Take the extra 5 minutes in the morning to figure out which classes you have that day and only cart around those supplies. You will also likely need to fit your lunch in your backpack too. *We will have some cubby space for athletic equipment.
- **Water bottles:** please note that water fountains are disabled and students should bring enough water for the day.
- **Students must wear their SJS uniform on campus.** For more details about the required uniform, please see the SJS Student Handbook p. 65. If your family still needs uniform items, or if you would like to donate items you no longer need, please click the link below to view and/or add uniform information to the Used Uniform Network, then coordinate with an SJS parent for an in-person meeting. **This is not a sale; no money will be exchanged for uniforms.** [Click Here: SJS Used Uniform Network](#).

**Arrivals and Dismissal:**

- **If possible, please delay arrival to campus (Gate 1) until 8:15 AM.** Gate 1 (2401 Claremont Ln) will be closed until 7:45 AM. Cars should pull as far forward in the Circle as possible before stopping during carpool.
  - *Please note: Buffalo Speedway is down to one lane and you cannot turn into the Taub lot when traveling northbound. Please expect delays.
- **In an effort to de-densify campus, students in Class 10-12 may delay morning arrival until their first class/campus commitment (advisory, ensemble, chapel).** They must sign in at the Upper School Parents Desk and get their daily temperature check as soon as they arrive on campus. **Also, students in Class 10-12 may leave campus after their last class of the day.** They must sign out at the Upper School Parents Desk.
• **Office Hours** will be held virtually on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 2:30 to 3:30 PM. These are additional help sessions, not mandatory.

• **Mid-day, off-campus appointments**: If an Upper School student needs to leave campus for an appointment during the LDCP, they may not return to campus for their remaining classes. Instead, they will attend class via Zoom. They may still attend athletics practice.

• Upper School students, who are not involved in athletics, **must be picked up from campus no later than 5:00 PM**.

• **Fine Arts Classes & Ensembles**:

  - Choral and Band Ensembles will be held in outdoor, well ventilated, open facilities. Large ensembles have been cut in size to allow proper social distancing during rehearsal. Singers will be masked, wearing choral singing masks for extra protection.
  - Dance classes have been modified by size to accommodate a smaller number of students who will be masked for class. The curriculum will focus on alignment and flexibility, minimizing student exertion. Middle School classes have been moved to the stage to allow for more room.
  - Middle and Upper School theatre performances are currently virtual.
  - All Fine Arts classrooms have been taped down by either 6’x 6’, or 10’ x 10’ areas to ensure social distancing guidelines. Students will not share materials, including the Visual Arts studios.
  - School-wide hygiene protocols for classrooms will be followed for all areas.

• **Forgotten item drop-off**: If you find that you do need to drop off an item to your child during the school day, please drop off at a table set up on the curb of Circle 1 and text your student that the item has been delivered.

• **Student Support**: If parents notice that their child is struggling socially or academically, they should reach out to their child’s respective advisor, the Dean of Students, Bailey Duncan (jduncan@sjs.org), Academic Dean, Jennifer Kuhl (jkuhl@sjs.org) or US counselor, Ashley Le Grange (alegrange@sjs.org).

Please view [this creative video made by the Senior Prefects](https://example.com/video?password=E@p+JW35) to help you anticipate some of the new dynamics and features on the Upper School campus--you can find the video [here](https://example.com/video) (password: E@p+JW35).

We are eager to have students back in person and enlivening the campus!