



St. Martin of Tours
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

An Independence Mission School

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Many People, One Family, Serving Christ

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Dear families,

First, I want to thank you for your support of our virtual learning environment these past few weeks. I am profoundly grateful for all you have done at home to support your child's learning and all our talented teachers have done to continue your child's academic progress. I write to you today with the plan for a return to in-person instruction at St. Martin of Tours.

After reviewing the preference data received by families for enrollment, as well as staffing and facility needs, it has been determined that, barring any unforeseen circumstances, **St. Martin of Tours will open on November 9, 2020**. Due to the size of our school, in order to keep class sizes low and appropriately distanced, we will offer the **Hybrid in-person learning model for students who selected the in-person option** and a **100% Virtual Learning option for those who have chosen to remain at home**. Our hybrid model will consist of two cohorts--Maroon (Monday and Tuesday in-person instruction) and Gray (Wednesday and Thursday in-person instruction). **All students will learn from home virtually on Fridays**. Siblings will be in the same cohorts. **PreK students** will not be assigned to a cohort as they will be able to attend **in-person instruction four days a week**. On the next page, please find more information about each model.

Next week, you will receive another notice of these plans that will also include confirmation of the model you selected for your child (in-person hybrid or full virtual). Students attending in-person hybrid will find out their cohort (Maroon or Gray) within the next two weeks.

If you have still not made a selection, please do so immediately by clicking [HERE](#). Selection of these models will remain in effect until January 15, 2021, unless other conditions require the model to change (ie. State guidelines, increased positivity across the city, etc).

Of course, as we work to reopen, the health and safety of students, families, and staff are the highest priority. Additional details on the Independence Mission Schools Health and Safety Plan will be shared in the coming weeks.

On behalf of the entire faculty and staff at St. Martin of Tours, I thank you for your support. I continue to keep the health and safety of all members of the St. Martin of Tours community in my prayers. I look forward to updating you with further details of our reopening plan in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

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What is the difference between 100% Virtual & Hybrid In-Person Learning?

<p>100% Virtual <i>Students learn from home 5 days a week</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 4 days each week (Monday through Thursday), students will join their classmates by livestream. They will get on their computer for each class and learn live from their teacher who will be teaching to the students in the classroom and at home at the same time. Students will also have some independent assignments to complete throughout the day, as they would in the “normal” classroom setting. It is important to note that instruction will not be exactly the same experience that students are currently receiving. The teacher will not always be teaching directly to the students at home; teachers’ attention will be largely focused on the students physically present in class, with regularly-scheduled check-ins opportunities for the students at home to ask questions and engage in discussions.● 1 day each week (Friday), all students will be learning from home. Students will join live classes on the computer in the morning and have independent assignments to complete after mid-morning, as is taking place currently. At-home assignments will be determined by the teacher, to deepen the work of the week, and could include personalized support through our investment in high-quality, self-directed educational technology tools.● PreK students who elected 100% virtual learning will be able to do so.
<p>Hybrid In-Person <i>Students go to school 2 days each week and learn from home 3 days each week</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 2 days each week (either Monday/Tuesday or Wednesday/Thursday) students will go to school and learn in the classroom with their teacher and classmates.● 2 days each week, on the days they are not in person, students will join class by livestream. They will get on their computers and learn live from their teacher who will be teaching to the students in the classroom and at home at the same time. Your student will also have some independent assignments to complete throughout the day, as they would in the “normal” classroom setting. It is important to note that instruction will not be exactly the same experience that students are currently receiving. The teacher will not always be teaching directly to the students at home; teachers’ attention will be largely focused on the students physically present in class, with regularly-scheduled check-ins opportunities for the students at home to ask questions and engage in discussions.● PreK students who elected in-person instruction will go to school four days a week.● 1 day each week (Friday), all students will be learning from home. Students will join live classes on the computer in the morning and have independent assignments to complete after 10:30am, as is taking place currently. At-home assignments will be determined by the teacher, to deepen the work of the week, and could include personalized support through our investment in high-quality, self-directed educational technology tools