

August 04, 2021



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



ON THE HORIZON:

August 12th

TK & K Information Night
6:00pm (in the school)
-See flyer

August 14th

New Parent/Guardian
Information Hour
10:30am (in community
meeting room)
-See flyer

August 14th

Back to School Welcome
Event
11:30am (in school play yard)
-See flyer

August 18th

First day of school
Minimum Day (noon
dismissal)

August 19th

Minimum Day (noon
dismissal)

August 20th

Minimum Day (noon
dismissal)

Dear St. John Catholic School Family,

I hope the summer months have provided you and your family with some rest and opportunity for some fun too! While I remain abreast to news and health guidance around COVID-19, we continue to plan and prepare for this nearing school year ahead with hope and excitement surrounding our reuniting on campus for in-person learning. We miss our students and school families and my staff and I remain steadfastly dedicated to providing a safe school environment that is conducive to onsite learning. Similarly, we will optimistically and cautiously anticipate ways in which we can share in community through various school and parish events. Our school calendar and health and safety protocols may evolve as we respond to the fluid nature of the pandemic. Nevertheless, our goal will be to safely offer faith formation, instruction and fellowship opportunities when and as we can.

I believe that we have learned that we are resilient in our perseverance through challenging circumstances, as well as that we are a strong community rooted in faith and care for each other. I am so incredibly proud of our school community and I am absolutely honored to lead us again this upcoming school year. Thank you parents, for entrusting your children to SJCS. Thank you for your continued support, partnership and commitment. I invite you at this time to review the following communication with various updates regarding staffing, school protocol and reminders. There will be more to come in the days and weeks that follow, prior to our start date on August 18th.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you *hope* and a future."
-Jeremiah 29:11

Attentively,
Ms. Paige Child
pchild@csdo.org

St. John Catholic School Newsletter

SJCS STAFF:

We are very happy to welcome new and familiar faculty members for the 2021-2022 school year!

TK - Mrs. Emily Martinez: emartinez@csdo.org

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6th Grade Homeroom and Middle School Math & Science- Mrs. Maria Vidal: mvidal@csdo.org

7th Grade Homeroom, Middle School Social Studies and 6th & 7th ELA & Lit- Mrs. Kat Boerman: kboerman@csdo.org

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Kristen Elliott: kelliott@csdo.org

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Administration & Director of Technology- Mr. Daniel Enos: denos@csdo.org

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Custodian- Mr. Martin Lara

Parochial Vicar- Father Joseph Le: jlestjohn@gmail.com

Pastor- Father Sergio Lopez: slopezstjohn@gmail.com

Principal- Ms. Paige Child: pchild@csdo.org

UPDATE – SPANISH PROGRAM:

Mrs. Viviana Green (our previous middle school Spanish teacher) has taken an opportunity to teach high school Spanish for the upcoming school year. This opportunity allows her to complete her credential and master requirements for a single subject Spanish degree. At this time, we will not be continuing our middle school Spanish classes. While we are sad to have Mrs. Green leave, this change will allow our middle school students additional time for instruction and support in core subject areas.

PLANT REPAIR AND RENOVATION:

This summer we finished the roof repair and replacement that began the summer of 2017. During the 2017 school year, the school administration was advised that $\frac{3}{4}$ of the school's roof needed immediate repair and/or replacement. It was advised that the final $\frac{1}{4}$ (the portion in the TK-3rd grade wing) would need attention within the next five years. We had that final portion of the roof repaired/replaced just this past week.

NEW PARENT INFORMATION HOUR & WELCOME EVENT:

On Saturday, August 14th, we will welcome new families to join us for a New Parent Information Hour to obtain information about our what to expect the first few weeks of school and to learn more about school traditions and protocols. The administration will happily answer questions new parents may have regarding our school. We will meet at 10:30am in the Community Meeting Room, to the left of the gym stairs. Also on Saturday, August 14th, the school will host a Back to School Playdate and Welcome Event @ 11:30am in the school play yard area. Please see the flyer below regarding information about both events.

A SHAMROCK WELCOME – INTRODUCING NEW STAFF



Mrs. Constance Dalton (3rd Grade)

Constance Dalton is a Bay Area native, born in San Francisco, with a lifelong commitment to learning. Friends and family tease her because she insists that “Teaching is the only job that puts a smile on my face every day!”

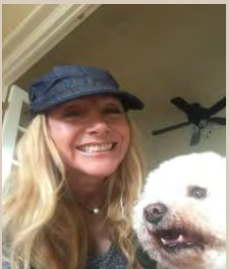
Mrs. Dalton earned her BA and MA in English Literature at Holy Names College in Oakland, and a California Life Credential at Holy Names, as well as an Administrative Credential at St. Mary’s College, Moraga.

She has taught for over thirty years, primarily in Middle School. She has particularly enjoyed working with students in literature and drama. (Christmas programs and theater field trips are favorites!) She has also taught art, mentored student leadership and supervised school submissions to the Young Authors’ Fair.

In her personal time, Mrs. Dalton likes to attend plays with friends. While reading and correcting student work at home, she is supervised by her cat, Princess Penelope.

Mrs. Dalton has very much enjoyed meeting Ms. Child, Mr. Enos, and other St. John staff members. She is excited about meeting the children and is delighted that we will all be present at school in person this year! She also looks forward to meeting our parents and the parish community. If you see her outside before or after school or during supervision, please introduce yourself! Mrs. Dalton knows this is the start of a wonderful year, and she can’t wait to share it with you.

A SHAMROCK WELCOME – INTRODUCING NEW STAFF



Mrs. Kat Boerman (7th Grade Homeroom, Middle School Social Studies and 6th & 7th Grade ELA & Lit)

Mrs. Boerman attended Sacramento State University and U.C. Davis. She has a Bachelor’s of Arts in History with a Concentration in Ancient History and African Tribal History. She also has a Master’s in Teacher Education and a K-12 Teaching Credential with an English Language Learner Authorization. Mrs. Boerman has a Minor in Anthropology and has a strong background in Biological Sciences. She also has a Montessori Certification through the American Montessori Society.

Mrs. Boerman taught English Language Learners abroad in Greece for several summers. Furthermore, Mrs. Boerman has almost 19 years of teaching experience, primarily in the middle school grades. She has taught at the following schools: Lead Teacher at the California Montessori Project; Teacher at the Natomas Charter School of Performing and Fine Arts Academy; Teacher at the Natomas Charter School Leading Edge Academy; Lead Teacher/Mentor Teacher at the Community Outreach Academy; Lead Teacher/Mentor Teacher at the Community Outreach Academy Middle School.

In September, she is soon-to-be married to an amazing and adventurous man, has two wonderful daughters, and one dog that is incredibly feisty. Mrs. Boerman enjoys running, gardening, baking, reading, spending time with family and friends, and her most recent enjoyment is paddle boarding. She is so excited to be part of this amazingly warm, supportive, and kind staff. Mrs. Boerman is equally excited to be a part of the students’ lives and the parents’ lives at St. John Catholic School!

St. John Catholic School Newsletter

FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL:

The 2021 – 2022 school year begins on Wednesday, August 18th @ 7:55am. SEP (School Extended Care Program) will be available before school, beginning at 7:00am in the gym. Students who arrive before 7:40am must sign in to SEP, so to be properly supervised. Regular school supervision will begin at 7:40am in the gym.

- Wednesday, August 18th is a minimum/noon dismissal day. SEP will be available until 6:00pm.
- Thursday, August 19th and Friday, August 20th are also minimum/noon dismissal days with SEP available until 6:00pm.

Please visit our school website to access the school calendar: <http://www.stjohncatholicschool.org/calendar.html>

DROP-OFF AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES:

Morning Drop-Off/School Assembly Procedures

All students, TK-8th grade (including those signing in early to SEP), will gather in the gym before school. Beginning at 7:00am, SEP students may be dropped off at the left side entrance of the gym (entrance with stairs, farthest from the school). Starting at 7:40am all students are welcome to enter the gym for student supervision included in regular tuition. The gym is where morning prayer, pledge, and announcements will be held.

Masks required of all, ages three and older, regardless of vaccination status.

Afternoon Dismissal Procedures

All students, TK-8th grade (including those staying after school in SEP), will gather in the gym for dismissal at 2:45pm. Once the first, official school dismissal has concluded, remaining students will then be signed into SEP. Any student not picked up 15 minutes after dismissal will be signed into SEP for proper after school supervision.

Regular Dismissal- 2:50 – 3:05pm; PM SEP- 3:05 – 6:00pm

Minimum Day Dismissal- 12:00 - 12:15pm; PM SEP 12:15 - 6:00pm

School Drop-Off/Pick-Up Car Route Map

Please see the attached map that outlines proper driving routes for before school drop-off and after school pick-up procedures.

A few things to remember:

- Please drive slowly through the parking lots.
- Parents, please ONLY park in the gym parking lot (lot away from the school).
- Parents are NOT to park in the church parking lot- the lot closest to the school.
- Please look carefully for students crossing through parking lot.
- Please do not park in first few parking spots closest to the gym.
- Please pull all the way up toward gym to unload student(s) before school.
- Please pay attention to and follow directions from any parking lot safety support member who is helping students arrive or depart from school.
- TK parents- you are asked to please PARK and get out of your vehicle to pick-up your TK student at the end of the day. There is a space for parents to wait on foot for their child at pick-up. The pick-up area is in the first four parking spaces closest to the gym.
- All other parents of K-8th grade students may choose to park and wait on foot for their child or proceed through the pick-up car line.

UNIFORMS:

School Uniforms:

School uniforms will be required this school year. School uniforms can be purchased online through Bancroft.

Bancroft Uniforms website- <https://bancroft-uniforms.com>

Code for SJCS Parents: johnsanlorenzo

PE Uniforms:

PE uniforms are optional for students.

PE Uniform Website: www.shamrockshop.store

Email-orders@shamrockshop.org

*See flyer below

COVID-19 PLANS:

COVID-19 Safety Plans (Last edited 8/3/2021):

Mask Protocol

- Mandatory face coverings for all individuals on school campus
 - Exceptions include while eating

Physical Distancing & Cohorting

- Physical distancing and cohorting will be conducted as is practicable

Cleaning/Disinfecting

- High frequency surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized regularly

Daily Symptom Screening

- One-time commitment from staff and school families of daily at-home health screening
- Random student/staff Covid-19 testing TBD

Vaccination Verification

- Vaccination verification requested of anyone on campus, when applicable

Close Contact/Exposure

- Modified quarantine and/or isolation at home may be mandated

Reporting

- COVID Liaison (Ms. Aimee Sire- asire@csdo.org)
 - Utilize State's Shared Portal for Outbreak Tracking (SPOT) Intake

Food Servicing

- Food service- contactless options: <http://alacarte.choicelunch.com/parents/>
- School staff to supervise students who get Choice Lunch

COVID-19 Instructional Plans (Last edited 8/3/2021):

In-Person/Onsite Learning-primary instructional platform

Teachers will be prepared to transfer lesson plans to an online learning management system (ex. GoogleClassroom, SeeSawOnline) to allow for asynchronous learning

- Online and/or asynchronous learning will be offered only if mandated

CDPH FAQs ON SCHOOL GUIDANCE FOR COVID-19:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Schools-FAQ.aspx>

A PRAYER FOR ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL:

Almighty God, my school is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly if I am friendly.

It will be holy if I am holy.

Its desks will be filled if I help fill them.

It will do great work if I work.

It will make generous gifts if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its hallways if I invite and bring them.

It will be a school family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy if I — who make it what it is — am filled with the same qualities.

Therefore, with the help of God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my school to be.

Bless my journey, Lord God, that I might follow Jesus and build this school for your glory.

Amen.



2021- 2022 Shamrock Back to School Playdate and Welcome Event

St. John Catholic School families are welcomed on campus for a back to school family event on August 14th. Please come join in the play yard for an opportunity to reconnect with returning school families and to meet new school families. Chips, cookies and drinks will be provided by the school. Uniform exchange and PE uniforms will be available to families. Families are encouraged to bring a lawn/play yard game to play and share with others. The playground will also be open to children. We expect that all attendees ages three years and older wear masks when not eating.

When: August 14th 11:30am-1:30pm

Where: St. John Catholic School play yard

NEW Parent/Guardian Information Hour

New school families are encouraged to attend our new parent/guardian meeting on August 14th at 10:30am. This meeting will be an opportunity for parents/guardians of students that are new to SJCS to learn about general school protocol and procedures, school traditions, and to ask questions of the school's administration.

When: August 14th 10:30am-11:30am

Where: St. John Community Meeting Room (room to the left of the gym)

Masks required of all attendees ages three and older, regardless of vaccination status.



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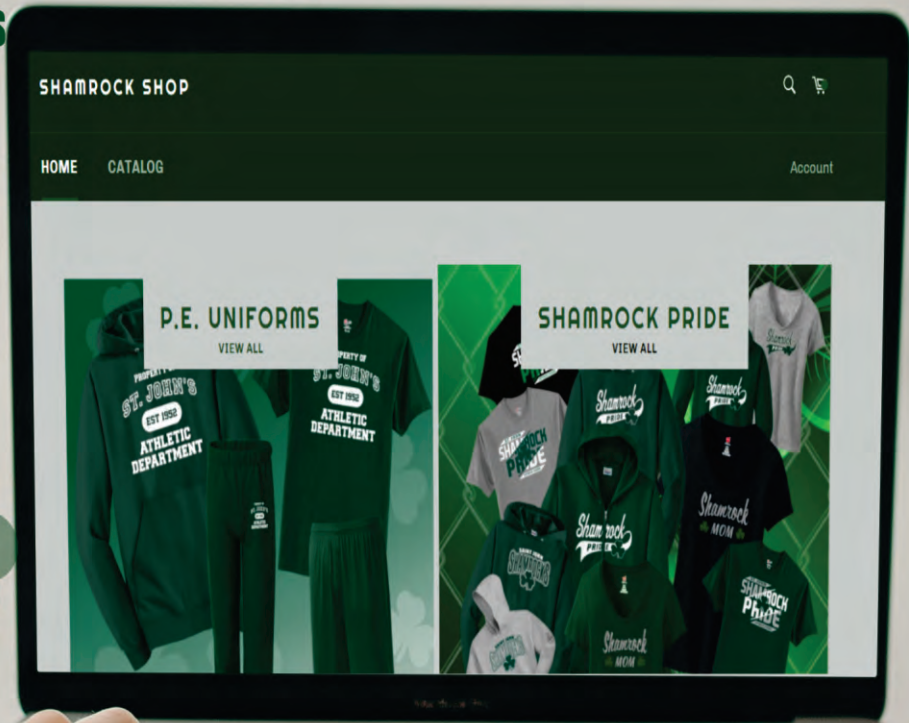
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Kindergarten Information Night

Thursday, August 12, 2021
6:00pm

Please meet in the Kindergarten classroom and bring your student, supplies, and any questions you may have!

This is a great time for your child to get familiar with the school, meet his/her classmates, find their assigned seats and explore the Kindergarten classroom.

Ms. O'Neill will be available to answer any questions parents may have.

Reminder: The first day of school is on Wednesday, August 18 and August 18-20 are minimum days.

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Transitional Kindergarten Information Night

Thursday, August 12, 2021
6:00pm

Please meet in the TK classroom and bring your student, supplies, and any questions you may have!

This is a great time for your child to get familiar with the school, meet his/her classmates, and find their assigned seats and cubbies.

Ms. Emily will be available to answer any questions that parents may have.

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MORNING DROP-OFF

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Faculty/Staff
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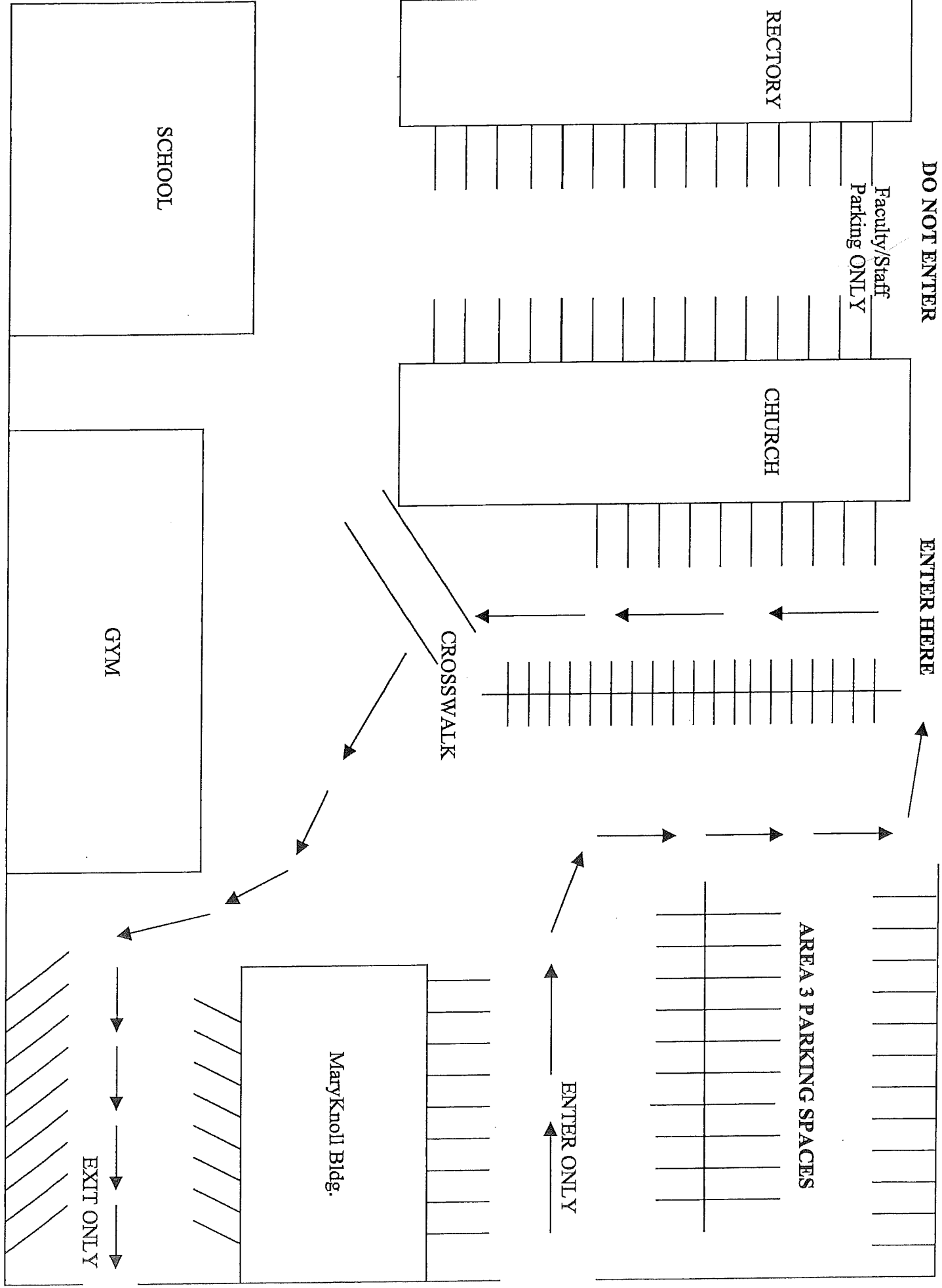
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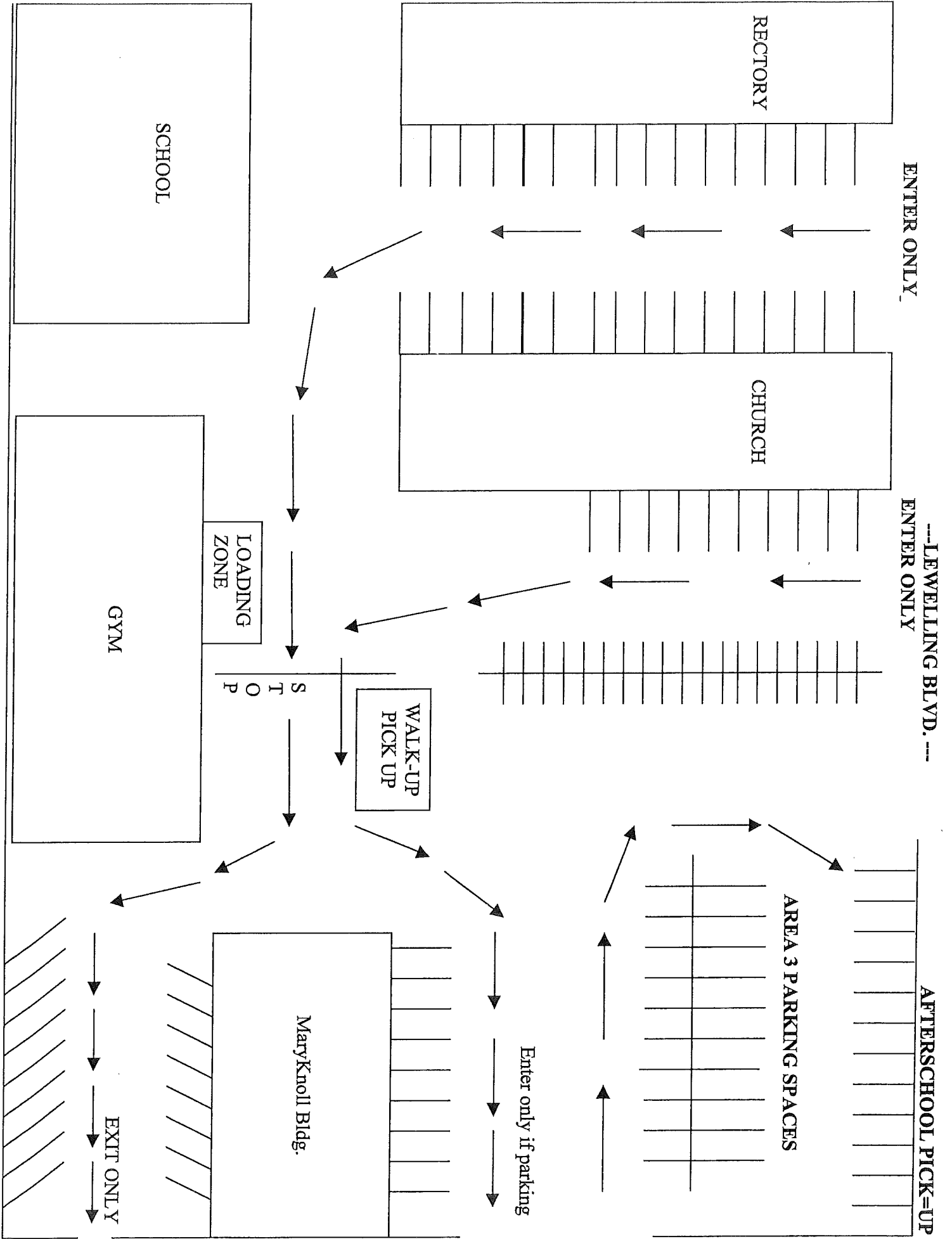
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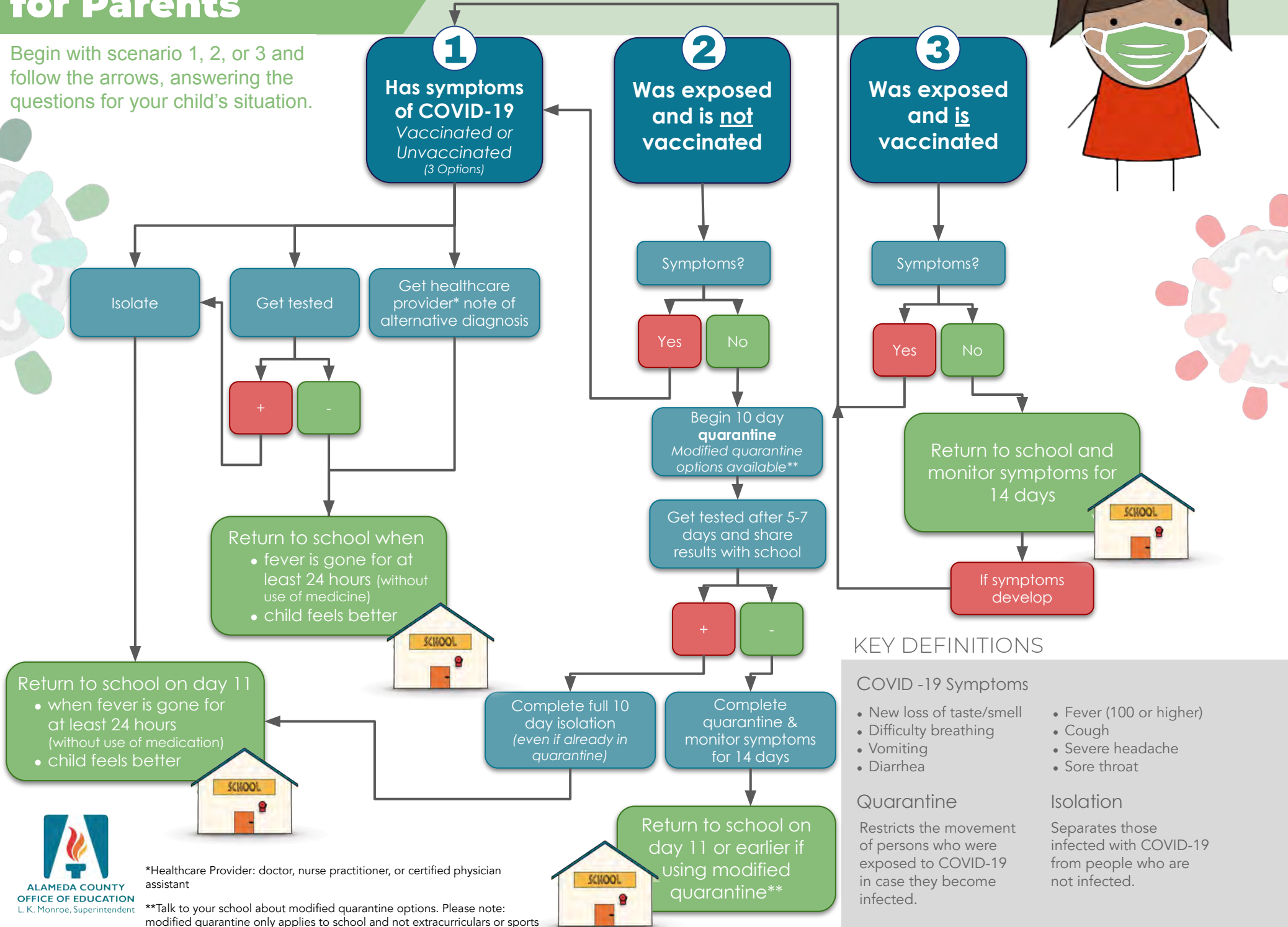


COVID-19 Flowchart for Parents

MY CHILD...



Begin with scenario 1, 2, or 3 and follow the arrows, answering the questions for your child's situation.



KEY DEFINITIONS

COVID -19 Symptoms

- New loss of taste/smell
- Difficulty breathing
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fever (100 or higher)
- Cough
- Severe headache
- Sore throat

Quarantine

Restricts the movement of persons who were exposed to COVID-19 in case they become infected.

Isolation

Separates those infected with COVID-19 from people who are not infected.

*Healthcare Provider: doctor, nurse practitioner, or certified physician assistant

**Talk to your school about modified quarantine options. Please note: modified quarantine only applies to school and not extracurriculars or sports