



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Mahalo to our families for attending the recent virtual Coffee Hours and Pau Hanas. Mahalo to those who have called, emailed or shared in person their questions too. As a result of those events and ongoing changes with COVID-19 and its impact, we have compiled a list of questions and answers. We hope you will find these helpful. Everyone is hopeful when looking for answers now and for our school to start again next year. Please remember as information comes out from the public schools or other private schools, that their decisions do not reflect our SAS choices and opportunities. We will continue to update and inform you moving forward.

Tim Cullen - SAS Head of School and Principal

Q: How will the last quarter of school be graded?

A: The focus of the 4th quarter for K-12 grades has been care, connection and communication. We hoped to have students return to campus but that was not possible. Our grade school uses standards based progress monitoring reports and our 6th - 12th grades use traditional letter grade monitoring reports. The end of year report cards will be completed and mailed home the first week in June and no student will be penalized due to limited time on campus or not having access to additional help and instruction.

Q: When is the end of the school year and how will we drop off books, supplies, etc. ?

A: Grade school instructional activities officially conclude on May 28th and Middle School/High School on May 27th. Please contact your child's teacher directly if you have any questions or need clarification on any assignments. We are working on a drop-off schedule for school textbooks, supplies, laptops etc so please look for that in a follow up message. We also are exploring opportunities for students to safely gather together by class with teachers to pray and say goodbye sometime during the first week of June.

Q: Will there be a high school graduation ceremony on campus this year?

A: Yes - we have been working with our senior class to design an on-campus graduation ceremony. This will follow current safety guidelines, involve a "drive-in" process, allow our students to walk across a staged area and be appropriately recognized. The ceremony, due to regulations and guidelines, must be invitation only and we expect this to be honored for the benefit of our 2020 Seniors. Those unable to attend, both here and off island, will be able to watch through a live stream option. We will provide more information on that before the ceremony.

Q: Will there be any summer school programs for our current SAS students or other students?

A: We are planning on offering options for summer school in July. The reason we cannot say a definite “yes” is that we are waiting on additional guidelines on this to ensure we do this safely and effectively. A recent meeting with the Diocese confirmed we can explore this opportunity. The DOE may have their own options separate from us. We will be sending out a survey next Wednesday, May 20th, to determine the amount of interest in summer programs and to help us make a final decision. Summer options may include a general summer day camp for grade school and tutoring for grades 6 -11.

Q: What is the plan for next school year and when will information be made available for families?

A: SAS is planning to start school in August through on-campus instruction. We all are aware that how we do that will be different next year due to health and safety recommendations and guidelines. We continue to receive proposed plans from County, State, Federal and Diocesan leaders. SAS has the flexibility and campus space to create daily schedules to meet guidelines for on-campus instruction. We will provide an updated overview of our plans by the end of May.

We understand and appreciate the challenge of home-bound learning and fully intend to provide on-campus instruction, learning and culture and climate; even if other schools are unable to do so.

Q: Is the 2020-2021 school calendar available?

A: As stated above, we will start school in August, 2020. The start of school year and last day dates, a review and decision on continuing traditional Fall and Spring break weeks, the daily school start and end times, and other areas must be decided. We must maximize our schedule for on-campus instruction next year to balance any short-term stoppages that may be imposed. Next year’s school calendar will be emailed to all families enrolled for 2020-2021 and posted on our website by July 1, 2020.

Q: What plans are in place in the event we have to go back to distance learning?

A: We know that on-campus instruction and interaction is missed and is required for you, our students and our staff to have optimum growth and formation provided by our faith-based school. This is our first priority. We must also prepare for any short-term stoppages with on-campus participation next year. Even before COVID-19, we have had periods of time that students missed school due to fever, illness, or other contagious situations. Distance learning options for these “typical” absences next year for individual students or classes, or absences due to government mandates, will be in place by July, 2020.

Q: How is COVID-19’s impact on the economy being addressed with enrollment contracts?

This is an area hitting us all. We know our families are waiting on answers and updates on employment statuses, current and new bills and support options moving forward. SAS also feels that burden too as we deal with current financial issues and proposed budgets based on enrollment and other funding sources. We humbly ask you to keep your children enrolled with us as we try to find answers to the questions we face together. We work with each individual family to best support and meet these changing needs. Any general updates/changes on tuition payment schedules or additional opportunities

for financial assistance will be shared via the Wednesday e-blasts. Please reach out to us directly to discuss your personal situation - this information is kept confidential.

Q: When is the first tuition payment for the 2020-2021 SY due?

A: The first payment is currently due in June 2020. Current financial circumstances have impacted all of us and SAS appreciates the decisions you are making over the next few months. We are reviewing options for adjusting tuition payment schedules with our Finance Committee and School Board.

Q: So, are there additional resources to support St. Anthony School families that need financial assistance as a result of the impacts of COVID-19?

A: The St. Anthony School Board and SAS of Maui Foundation Board continue to work diligently to gather resources for our families and expand opportunities for our school. While these resources are generous they are also limited. Please contact Cynthia in the Advancement Department for more information: clallo@sasmaui.org

Q: Can I use my Kamehameha Kipona Scholarship at St. Anthony School?

A: YES! If you have been granted the Kipona Scholarship for the 2020-2021 SY we are happy to work with you to apply it towards your tuition. St. Anthony School is honored to continue our collaboration with Kamehameha Schools. If you any questions please contact Emily in the Advancement Office: ebartow@sasmaui.org

Mahalo for your patience, prayers and continued support for your children and their education during these unprecedented times. We have several innovative and exciting opportunities planned for next year and pray that we are able to provide those for your sons and daughters. May God bless you as we put closure on the 2019-2020 school year and prepare for the next.