



URSULINE ACADEMY OF DALLAS

2021-2022

# *Back to School*



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PLAN FOR OPENING OF 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR



**"HAVE HOPE AND A FIRM FAITH IN GOD, WHO WILL HELP YOU IN EVERYTHING."**

St. Angela Merici, Prologue to the Counsels

## WELCOME BACK

We are very pleased to share with you this overview of plans for reopening for the 2021-2022 school year at Ursuline Academy of Dallas. This report, "Back to School," reflects decisions based on a comprehensive review of the past pandemic year, its impact for Ursuline, and all we have learned from those experiences.

Classes will continue to be 100% on campus. We are especially excited to be able to restore many of the in-person events that characterize community-building among students, families, alumnae, and friends. At the same time, some virtual activities will continue, to offer flexibility to families and benefits of greater outreach to the community.

Information on these measures and more is provided in the pages that follow. We are also eagerly anticipating the opening in August of beautiful new East Campus classrooms, distributed dining facilities, and an expanded Haggar Center. Work on additional campus improvements is expected to continue throughout next year.

**We look forward to seeing you soon on campus!**

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# CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

While *The Campaign for Ursuline* continues, your generosity allows Ursuline to open the first phase of new learning and gathering spaces this fall. Here's a glimpse at what will open in August.

Student Collaboration  
Spaces

Distributed Dining Facility  
& Outdoor Terrace

Dining Area Addition  
& Renovation

Flexible Learning Spaces for  
English, Social Studies,  
& Journalism

Engineering &  
Fabrication Labs

Administrative Office

Visual Arts  
Classrooms

Volunteer Workspace



*The* CAMPAIGN for URSULINE  
Act, Move, Believe

For a more in-depth look at these spaces,  
& what is still under construction, visit  
[www.ursulinedallas.org/campaign](http://www.ursulinedallas.org/campaign)



# SCHOOL LIFE & ACADEMICS

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## *Academics*

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Strong, trusting student/teacher relationships and a community-based experience form the foundation of an Ursuline education. Our mission has always been to serve our girls in the best way possible, and we are excited to return to all in-person classes for the upcoming school year.



We will continue hosting a virtual Back-to-School Night, allowing families flexibility to learn more about their daughter's classes at a time that works best for each family. Ursuline will offer virtual options for other parent programming throughout the school year to provide flexibility for our families. We also plan to continue live-streaming most of our Heritage events for the community.



We look forward to opportunities for families to come to campus to see classrooms and meet teachers. Families may reach out to their daughter's teachers at any point during the school year.



Students are expected to follow deadlines, due dates, and class assignments to maintain the academic integrity of the class. For a student to be exempted from assignments, she must have a doctor's note on file with the Attendance Office. If a student foresees missing class for an extended period, she should arrange with her teachers to complete missing assignments.



Strong communication impacts learning and grades. Students will be required to check email and Teams chats at least twice a day, and they will be expected to respond accordingly. Teachers will respond to communication during the school day and reply within 24 business hours.



To accommodate the College Board cancellations of the SAT and ACT last year, Ursuline provided standardized tests on campus for seniors. Since SAT and ACT have returned to in-person testing, we will resume offering the PSAT on campus for sophomores and juniors and the Pre-ACT for freshmen.



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## *Student Life*

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Intramurals is calendared for March, right before Spring Break, with the hope that it will be a completely normal, pre-pandemic, Intramurals experience.



We will resume in-person all-school Masses, daily Mass through Theology classes, retreats (including overnights for juniors and seniors), and sacraments on campus.



Ursuline is moving forward with plans for dances and mixers throughout the year, barring any unforeseen changes in the community health status.



Advisory and class meetings will be held in-person, on campus. Advisories will meet once a week, and all grades will have class meetings once a week led by their Grade Deans and Student Council officers.



Attendance policies will revert to pre-pandemic protocols. Each student may accrue 4 unexcused absences per class per semester before making up time in the library. Students will not have the option for learning from home. If they are sick, they are to stay home and rest and return to school when they are well. All students other than seniors must be on campus from the first period of the day through the final period of the day.

### QUARANTINE ABSENCES

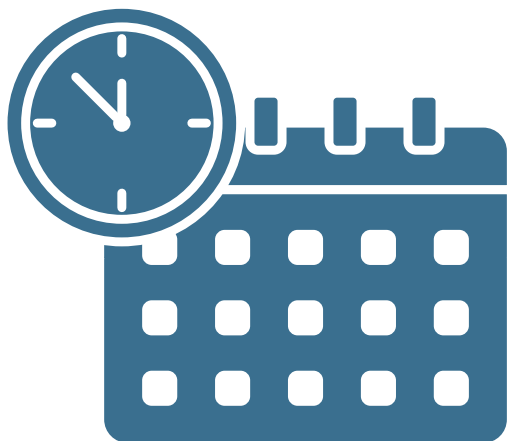
Though we hope for far fewer quarantines this school year, we may have students who will be required to quarantine. If a student is required to quarantine by the school or a doctor (we will require a doctor's note for any student quarantine), she may be able to log into her classes via Teams. While teachers may be using Teams for class on the day a student is absent, the use of Teams is not required every time a class meets. If a class is using Teams, an absent student can join the class via Teams as an observer; teachers are not required to teach classes in a hybrid manner. There will be no penalty for required quarantine absences. If a student is absent for any other reason, she will be counted as absent. Refer to pages 25-28 in the [Student Parent Handbook](#) to review our attendance policies.



In response to the extraordinary circumstances of educating through a worldwide health crisis, students received extended grace this past year regarding infractions for uniforms, cell phones, and general discipline; please note that our handbook policies will be enforced next year in a more typical way. Part of well-being is to help students learn personal accountability. Please see the [Parent-Student Handbook](#) for updated policies.



# Daily Schedule



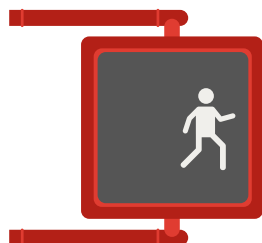
The daily schedule will return to a rotating block schedule, with classes beginning at 9:15 a.m. on Monday and at 8:40 a.m. Tuesday through Friday and ending each day at 3:40 p.m.

We will not have regular "Community Wednesdays" this year, but we have strategically set four "flex/community days" throughout the calendar to provide space for special programming or just a little break or time to catch up on work.

In-person tutorial time will be scheduled on Wednesdays with in-person student club meetings on Fridays, both during activity periods.

MONDAY	
Period	Time
Teacher Professional Development	8:00- 9:10
1	9:15 - 10:35
2	10:45 - 12:05
3	<b>A Lunch</b> lunch   12:05 - 12:50 class   12:50 - 2:10  <b>B Lunch</b> class   12:15 - 1:35 lunch   1:35 - 2:20
4	2:20 - 3:40
Tutoring	3:40 - 4:10

TUESDAY - FRIDAY	
Period	Time
Meetings/Tutoring	7:45- 8:35
1	8:40 - 10:00
Activity Period	10:10 - 10:40
2	10:45 - 12:05
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The daily schedules have been adjusted to account for new campus spaces opening in the fall of 2021. The ten-minute passing periods will allow students ample time to get to their classes anywhere on campus, use the restroom between classes, get a snack, etc.





## *Athletics*

In the 2021-2022 school year, Ursuline will:

- Follow TAPPS guidelines for competition; these are not yet published.
- Provide transportation when needed.
- Livestream all competitions in Neuhoff Athletic Center.
- Provide digital ticketing for all home events.
- Provide timely, updated information on website, Twitter, and other social media outlets.



## *Admissions*

The Admissions Team is excited to welcome prospective students and families to campus and will resume traditional, in-person activities beginning in September 2021. Safety measures for student guests and visitors will be in accordance with the agreed upon Ursuline Academy health and safety guidelines.



## *Global*

Ursuline's sister-school relationships and partnerships around the world have endured through this time of pandemic. We remain committed to continuing Ursuline's distinguished Global program and to maintaining our relationships around the world.

Opportunities for student travel will be offered during the 2021-22 school year.

- We are committed to providing new opportunities for domestic travel to explore the global cultures and the history of the United States. We will also deepen our ties with Ursuline Schools in the USA.
- We are hopeful for a slow but steady return to international travel and exchange in 2022 (exact time TBD).

We will continue to offer consistent and innovative ways for our students to engage with their peers at our sister schools in the USA and around the world.

We are hopeful that summer study travel abroad classes for academic credit will resume in summer 2022.

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## *Technology*

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The Microsoft Surface Hub has proven to be an incredibly valuable tool to engage with all teachers and students.



Ursuline's Technology Department will:

- Continue using Surface Hubs, together with Teams and OneNote, as Ursuline's standardized teaching and learning platform.
- Provide in-depth training on these platforms, as well as other Office 365 applications, to teachers and incoming students.
- Use Surface Hubs, and other technology equipment, in accordance with TEAL classroom pedagogy guidelines.
- Continue to provide immediate, on-site support for students through the CAVE.





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## *Dining*

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We know our students value their time relaxing and socializing with friends during lunch periods. Now, they will have an opportunity to experience exciting new options at Ursuline. SAGE will continue providing quality, healthy meals, and students will now have the choice to gather in the expanded Fox Dining Hall, or enjoy the indoor and outdoor dining options at the East Campus building. Seniors only will continue to have off-campus privileges during lunches and free periods.



Construction Rendering of Expanded Fox Dining Hall within Haggar Center



Rendering of Distributed Dining space in East Campus Building

# FACILITIES & OPERATIONS



## *Traffic, Carpool, and Parking*



### TRAFFIC



The semester will begin with the same traffic flow pattern as last year. Later this year, when paving is completed, the flow will be modified to navigate around the new East Campus buildings before exiting on either Inwood Road or Walnut Hill Lane. View both routes on the map on the next page.

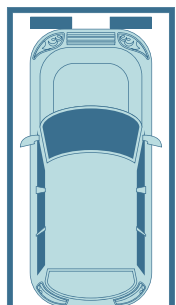
### CARPOOL



The existing drop-off and pick-up locations at FFC South and the Terry Family Foundation Courtyard will remain as currently designated. When paving is complete, both pick-up locations will merge into the one lane going around the new East Campus building. On-campus signage will guide drivers through. We expect there to be a learning period as we all navigate these new traffic patterns.

We appreciate your patience and welcome your feedback as we work to adjust in real-time to what works best for all. As a reminder, if you do not need to pick your student up exactly at 3:40 p.m., consider arriving 10-20 minutes later for a smoother carpool experience. Please also remember to drive carefully and courteously while on campus.

### PARKING



All parking spaces have been renumbered, with students continuing to park in the front two lots (seniors in the newly paved lot close to the Athletic Field), employees parking around the school buildings, and visitor spots remaining close to the main entrance, around the circle drive. A gentle reminder to campus visitors, please do not park in any numbered or named spot as these are assigned to students and employees.

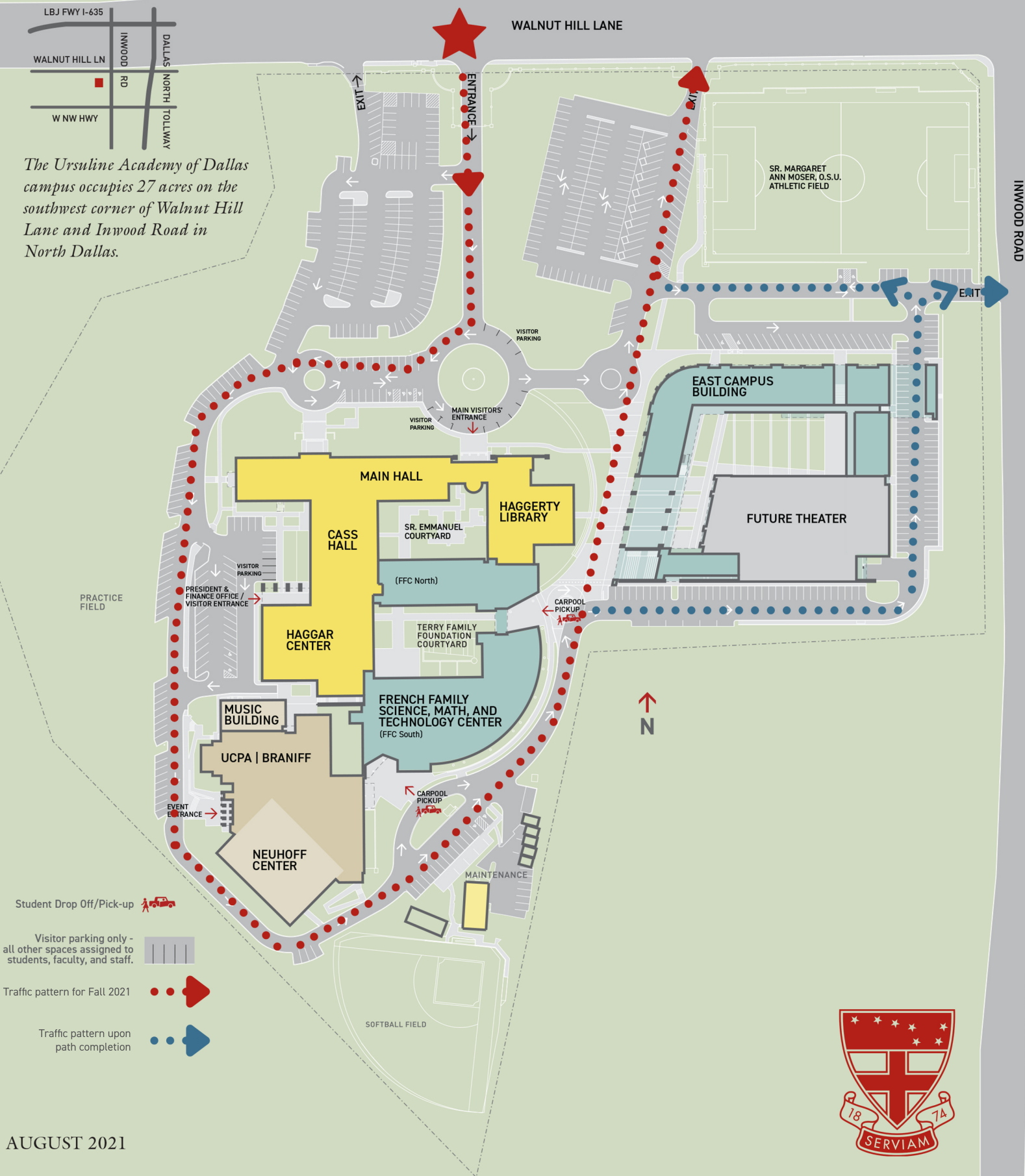
A separate map with numbered parking spaces will be sent to students and employees.



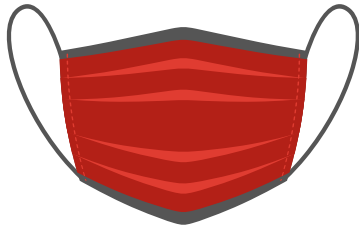
# Ursuline Academy Campus Map



*The Ursuline Academy of Dallas campus occupies 27 acres on the southwest corner of Walnut Hill Lane and Inwood Road in North Dallas.*



## Masks and Vaccinations



## MASKS

With health and safety as our top priority and in response to the Diocesan directives, we have updated the Ursuline reopening plan COVID-19 mitigation protocols due to current high transmission rates. Masks will be required inside school buildings for all students, faculty and staff, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status. Masks will be optional outdoors on campus.



## VACCINATIONS AND QUARANTINES

Ursuline Academy is urging all eligible students, faculty, and staff become fully vaccinated as soon as possible against COVID-19. If your daughter has been vaccinated, we ask that you confirm her vaccination status on Magnus by uploading her official COVID-19 vaccination record -- the COVID-19 vaccination card or immunization record from physician or clinic.

Accurate data drives the best decisions regarding mitigation strategies needed to protect the health of our community. The ability to confirm a high percentage of fully vaccinated students, faculty, and staff on campus, will allow Ursuline more flexibility in planning in-person events and student activities.

The COVID-19 vaccine has been added as an optional immunization to the Magnus Student Health records section. After you upload a copy of your daughter's official COVID-19 vaccination card, Nurse Suzanne Murray will then review and complete her COVID-19 immunization record in Magnus.

**Questions? Please contact Nurse Suzanne Murray.**

## HOW TO CONFIRM YOUR STUDENT'S VACCINATION STATUS ON MAGNUS.

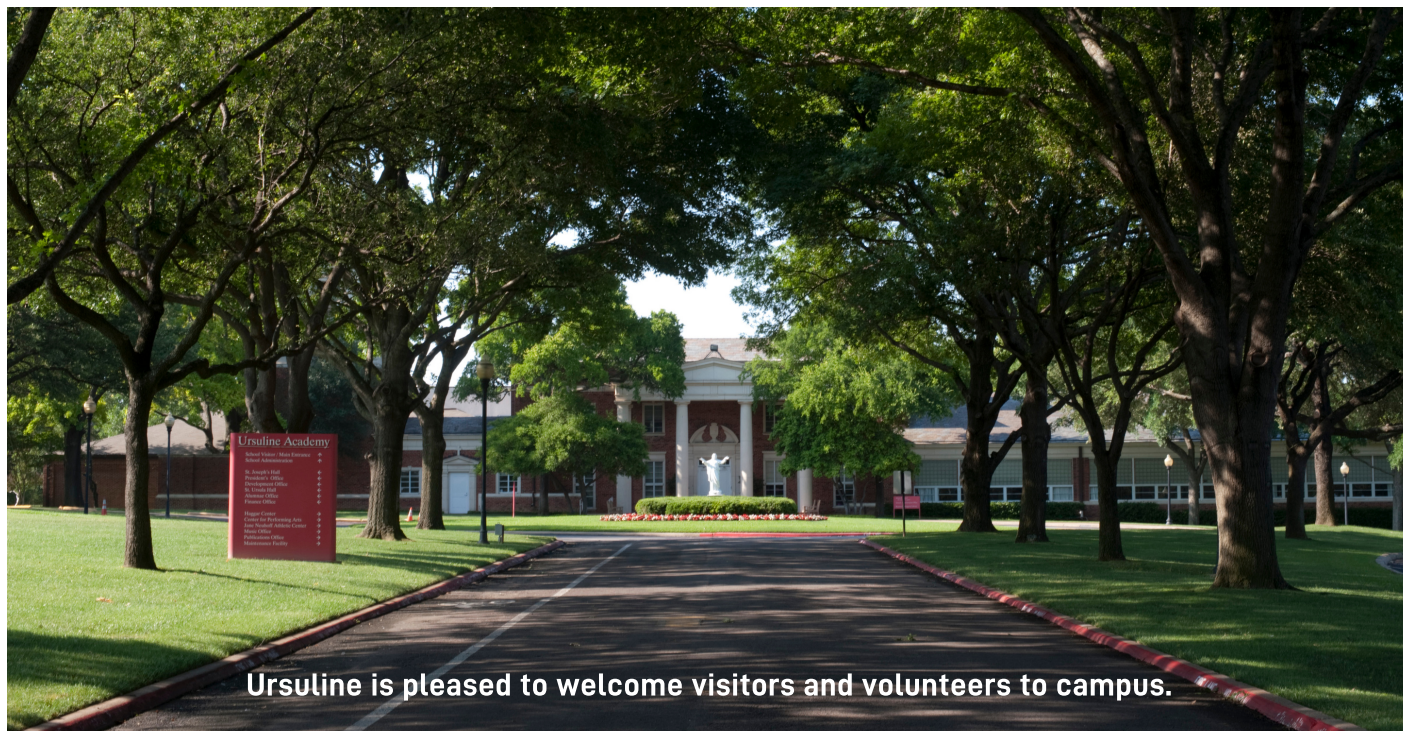
## SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Ursuline Academy has robust cleaning and mitigation policies that exist to limit the spread of illness, but cannot guarantee that any method will completely prevent illness, especially in times of pandemic.

## ILLNESS & QUARANTINE GUIDELINES

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# Campus Visitors



Ursuline is pleased to welcome visitors and volunteers to campus.

## GENERAL VISITORS: Security and Parking

For safety and security reasons, all adults who enter campus during school hours are required to enter through the Rotunda, where the Receptionist will scan the individual's driver's license as a security check. All visitors are required to wear the designated name badge while on campus.

School office hours are 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM. If parking during school hours, please use the visitor circle parking spots. If those are full, please consult the security officer.

## NEW FACILITIES

During the 2021-22 school year, you may have the opportunity to visit one of our newest campus facilities. We are developing security and parking protocols that would allow visitors to directly access these spaces from entrances on the west side of campus. More details will be shared as they are available. In the interim, please park in the front circle and enter the building through the Rotunda.

## BUSINESS OFFICE OR PRESIDENT'S/ DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNICATIONS OFFICES

These offices will be located on the west side of campus in the lower level of Haggar Center.

## VOLUNTEER WORKROOMS

Volunteer organizations will meet in the renovated spaces on the lower level of Main Hall (west end of building).

*Reminder: Masks are required inside for everyone, including visitors, regardless of vaccination status. Masks are optional in outdoor spaces.*

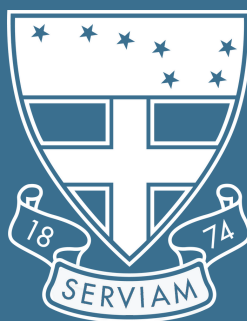


## URSULINE GUIDE TO REOPENING 2021-2022

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