

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year! We are excited to begin.

I wanted to make you aware of some new and some continued safety protocols.

New: Masks are **optional** this year. Your child may choose to wear one, but it is not required.

We are not permitted to open the campus to all families at once. With that in mind:

- We have altered our Open House to three nights (different grade levels per night). Please see separate sheet with dates and times.
- Parents will drop students off/pick students up either in the car loop (preferred) or at the gate. Please say your goodbyes on the way to school. Parents are not permitted to walk their students to class or eating lunch on campus.
- We will continue our car loop dismissal procedures. The person picking students up MUST have a car tag with the student(s) name(s) on it. If you forget your tag, you will be asked to come in to the office with ID to check the student out. This is for the SAFETY of your child. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.
- Rainy day dismissals are hard for everyone. If lightning is in the area, we MUST wait 30 minutes after the last lightning strike before releasing students. Again, this is a SAFETY issue.
- At this time, we are planning to have our end of grading period Success Celebrations. We will have smaller groups meet in the cafeteria at a time.
- Family events will also be either virtual or smaller groups or a combination.
- Parents may attend scheduled meetings with teachers either by appointment in person or virtually.
- While you may bring lunch to the office for your child, we cannot accept outside food for birthdays. If you would like to order a birthday treat through our cafeteria, please contact the cafeteria for information.

All of these procedures are for the safety of our students and staff and I thank you for your understanding.

School begins for grades 1-6 on Tuesday Aug 10. Kindergarten begins on Friday Aug 13. PreK begins Tuesday Aug. 17.

Lastly, we are a uniform school. Students wear red, white or black shirts (plain t shirts or school logo shirts- no other logos or designs) and khaki, black or blue jean pants, shorts, skirts (no leggings). Tennis shoes. If your child is not in uniform, you will be called to please bring uniform clothes to the office. We will offer a new t-shirt for \$8. You can pre-order the shirt today if you choose.

We are looking forward to a great year in partnership with you, the first teachers and best advocates for your child. Enjoy the last few days of summer!

*Ms. Tagye*