

Hello Cocoa Beach Families,

Welcome to 2022! I hope that everyone was able to enjoy the Winter Break safely and in good health. We are excited to begin the second half of the year and hope that you are too. We return to school tomorrow, Thursday January 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Semester End & Start**

Thursday will be our final day for First Semester. Students will follow their First Semester class schedule for the day. We will begin Second Semester on Friday. We will issue students a paper copy of their Second Semester class schedule in 1<sup>st</sup> Period on Thursday, so they will be ready for Friday. There will not be a lot of changes, as only semester classes are switching at this time.

### **Health and Safety Protocols**

Our school district will continue with the health and safety protocols that were in place before Winter Break. For example, face coverings are recommended, but not required. We will have masks available for any student who wishes to wear one. We have both KN-95 masks and cloth masks available. We will continue to utilize our outdoor seating areas before school, during lunch, and after school. We will also continue to deep clean each classroom and multi-use room each day and hand sanitizing stations are available throughout campus. We will also continue with the contact tracing and notification protocols for positive COVID cases. If your child is impacted in any way we will notify you as soon as possible and inform you of the quarantine options.

### **Staffing Challenges**

As of this time, we only have a couple of employees out tomorrow and both are due back Friday. We do not know what the landscape will look like going forward. If a classroom teacher is out, we will look to cover the vacancy with a substitute teacher first, but may need to cover with other staff. We are very fortunate to have several reliable subs and a staff that is willing to pitch in and help each other. We will all need patience and flexibility as we move through the next few weeks.

Thank you for choosing Cocoa Beach Jr/Sr High School. As always, please contact me if you have any questions.

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