

## **WHAT ARE WE DOING TO KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE?**

### **Temperature Checks**

**Hand sanitizing stations both inside and outside of each classroom**

**Face masks required – we will have some, if needed**

**Hand washing breaks will be built into the elementary schedule**

**Social distancing as possible**

**Disinfecting playground between classes**

**Eating lunch at desks or outside**

**Extra staff to frequently wipe down high risk areas**

**Teachers will be wearing face shields so the students can still see their teachers facial expressions and understand what they are saying.**

## **MORE DETAILS:**

**FACE MASKS or FACE SHIELD REQUIRED for all students in Grades 3-12. These face coverings will remain on throughout the day when social distancing is not an option (hallways and such) except when outside for PE, Sports, or Recess. There will be designated face mask “breaks during the day, as well.**

**Some electives may require the removal of face coverings**

**Face coverings are optional for grades K- 2.**

**FACE MASK or FACE SHIELD ALSO MANDATORY for all STAFF.**

As you arrive for school there will **THREE DROP-OFF POINTS**. THESE WILL ALSO SERVE AS YOUR **PICK UP POINTS!**

Kindergarten and Grade 1 ONLY Side door next to Grade 1

Grades 2-5 Doors on the THER side of the building (next to Dance Studios)

Grades 6-12 Back door (For Pick up: Students in grades 6-12 will exit the back door. If one, or any of your students are in grades 6-12, you **MUST** park in the rear Performing Arts Center and wait in your car. Your student(s) will follow the sidewalk from the school to the parking lot and meet you there. The older student will be allowed to “pick up” the younger student to exit the building. Please arrive promptly at 3pm

If you have children in multiple grades you will need to drive around the school to their **ASSIGNED DROP OFF AREA**

ALL students will have a temperature check every day before entering the building so **DO NOT DRIVE AWAY** until your child has had their temperature taken!!

**IF YOU ARRIVE LATE FOR SCHOOL:** Call the front office from your car and someone will meet your student at the door. **DO NOT LEAVE** until the temperature check is complete and you are given a “thumbs up”.

**Please follow these guidelines when determining if it is safe to send your child to school:**

**Here are symptoms that mean your child must stay home:**

1. **Fever.** Any temperature of 100.4° Fahrenheit (38° Centigrade) is a fever, and children shouldn't go to school with fevers. Not only are fevers a sign of some sort of infection, it also usually means that they are shedding germs right and left. There's just no way you can

know whether things will get better or worse — and while giving them medicine might bring the fever down, it won't stop them from being contagious.

If your child has a temp of 99.9 or 100? Officially that's not a fever. But you may be called by the school to pick up a child with a temp of 100, as often it can be the sign of a brewing illness. Keeping them home and keeping an eye on them might be a good idea.

2. **Vomiting or diarrhea.** It's unfair all around — to the child and the school or daycare — to send a child with vomiting or diarrhea no matter how well they might look to you. The same 20-24-hour rule applies, although it's worth checking with your doctor for advice. Some viruses, such as norovirus, can be contagious for an extra day or so. You do *not* want to be the parent responsible for an outbreak of norovirus (or any virus!) at your school or daycare, trust me.
3. **Bad pain.** If your child has a sore knee or a mild headache but is otherwise acting okay, it's likely fine to give some medicine and send them off. But if the pain is anything more than mild, don't do it. Pain is always something you want to keep an eye on. Keep them home and call your doctor instead.
4. **Coughing that won't stop — or anything different about your child's breathing.** If we kept every child with a cold home during the winter months, there would be a lot of empty classrooms. But a really **bad cough** not only makes it hard for a child to learn or play, it also warrants a call to the doctor, as does breathing that sounds or looks different from usual.

AFTER the students' temperature check, they will stop at the sanitizing station to sanitize their hands and then proceed DIRECTLY to their classroom and take their seat. The hallways have been marked designating where they should walk while always staying to the RIGHT of the yellow tape or dividers. They should walk single file, trying to keep a good distance between themselves and the person in front of them. The floors have been marked for distancing. Please remind your students to keep their hands to themselves!

### **STUDENTS MUST NOT congregate in the hallways.**

Upon entering the classroom students should take their seat and prepare for class. For the first period of the day, the desks will have been sanitized ahead of time. Middle and High School students: At the end of each period and before leaving the room, each student will sanitize their desk with disinfectant wipes and then sanitize their hands on the way out of the room. There will be a sanitizing dispenser in each classroom. When entering their next class, they should always use the sanitizing station. Elementary grades will be wiping down their desk throughout the day as instructed by their teacher.

#1 ) PIZZA FRIDAY: **NEW AND UPDATED** CANCELLED!

#2) WATER FOUNTAINS: A great place to get germs! Water fountains MAY NOT BE USED except to REFILL WATER BOTTLES. So...It is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED that your student bring a water bottle to school. This is REQUIRED if they are taking part in a sports activity.

#3) ALL VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL MUST WEAR A MASK. NO VISITORS IN THE SCHOOL HALLWAYS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY (exception: scheduled appointment) You MUST make an appointment ahead of time with a teacher or administrator.

#4) NO VISITORS IN THE LUNCHROOM DURING LUNCH. Feel free to drop off cupcakes, etc in the front office and we will get them to your student's teacher.

#5) LUNCH: Be sure to pack a sufficient lunch and snack as the **VENDING MACHINES WILL NOT BE IN USE**

**Grades K, 1 & 2 will continue to eat in the lunch room with a MAX of 4 per table**

**Grades 3 -5 will continue to have lunch OUTSIDE**

**Middle and High School will be eating in the classroom with the exception of Grade 7 who will eat outside, as this is a larger class. Other grades may be eating in the lunch room on a rotating basis (for a change of scenery!)**

#6) RECESS:: Recess for the lower grades will be on a staggered basis, with the playground being sanitized between classes.

### **ELECTIVES**

Elective classes will be optional for ALL students. The schedules will be released soon. If you choose to have your student dismissed at 1:30 every day, just return the form with that notation.

Things to note: 1) Classes will be limited in size so return the form early! – this is especially true for dance! 2) Basketball 8-12 will be held OUTSIDE on the courts at 60<sup>th</sup> Street. 3) Craft and Art students in K-5 will each have their own box of supplies as to not share items.

### **LOCKERS**

There will be no lockers available for (at least) semester 1. Most class books will remain in the room so students do NOT need to carry them around. Students do not need to bring all their supplies for the whole year to school everyday! Bring only what is needed.

### **AFTERCARE**

I am sorry to notify you that there will be **no aftercare** next school year. **All students must be off campus by 3:15** to allow time for deep cleaning and sanitizing each evening. Those students who take a bus or van to an aftercare program will remain in their classroom until called. If your student will be picked up by an aftercare program you **MUST** notify us before school starts.

### **SPORTS & PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Under Coach Cekrezi's guidance, Ms Mikaela and Mr DeVall (new middle school math and science teacher!) will be running the PE program for grades K-5. They will be practicing social distancing as able and sanitizing the balls and other play items as needed as well as the playground area, when used.

Volleyball for middle and high school will be intramural only with teams of just four students. More information will be forthcoming from Coach Cekrezi, Athletic Director.

Competitive Team Sports are still unknown. At a recent meeting, Coach informed us that the league is waiting for a vote on Flag Football.

I know this is so much to take in – Let's all pray for our CCSA family as we move through this pandemic!