



High School Families,

I'm proud to be with you during an unprecedented time in history. I'm also very thankful that we enjoy religious liberty, which affords us the opportunity to open for in-person instruction on August 20. But I'm referring to more than instruction. It's community I'm thankful for. We're a family of Believers and partners in the mission to educate, equip, and encourage Christian leaders to fulfill their God-given purpose and impact their culture. While we live in an age of great technological advancement, community is just not the same at a distance. I'm excited to see everyone, even if part of your face is veiled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

As we prepare to open, I'm asking for your understanding and patience. It's not helpful to compare our reality to a time when there was no COVID-19. What's helpful is comparing our present situation with the distance learning we endured last Spring. Masks, distancing, and hand sanitizing in-person is much better than no masks and distance learning, even though some of you may understandably still opt for distance learning. If community were personified as a beloved family member, that family member is in the ICU unit at the hospital, whether fairly or unfairly. We're thankful he's alive and we're gladly following ICU protocols. We're not mourning that he can't be somewhere like Chuck E. Cheese, because we know eventually, he will be back there. It'll just take some time. The goal is not to limit community. It's to make sure community stays up and going.

I'm also asking you to view this situation through the eyes of other families as well as your own. I personally have two daughters, both with diagnosed auto-immune diseases. One is a junior here at LCCS. I should ask myself what's best for her. I also should ask what is best for her classmates.

Through any situation, let's remember James' admonishment in chapter one of his epistle to be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger, for anger does not bring about the righteousness of God.

I want to give you time to digest this lengthy correspondence. At the end of the week, I'll send a survey asking you to opt for either in-person or distance instruction. Distance learning will be live via a camera in each classroom, with functionality to ask questions and receive feedback. It is important to note that some classes such as Home Economics may be severely limited by the distance option. Performance-driven extracurriculars such as Choir and team sports simply may not offered as a distance option. Please refer to the appropriate director for final information on these topics. I'm asking everyone to stick with the option they choose, at least for a season. Students may switch to distance learning from in-person or vice versa with written administrative approval. Students may not switch learning options from day to day.

Thank you all ahead of time. Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns.

Dr. Williams (D-Will)

IMPORTANT HS CALENDAR EVENTS

- Monday, August 17
 - 6 pm – New Parent Orientation by Zoom (Link and information will be forthcoming.)
 - 7:30 pm – Meet the Teacher by Zoom (Links and more information will be forthcoming. Parents will follow a min-version of their student’s schedule.)
- Wednesday, August 19
 - 4:30 pm – New Student Orientation in the Byers Center lobby. COVID-19 protocols will be in effect.
- Thursday, August 20
 - Normal A day schedule
- Friday, August 21
 - Normal B day schedule

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR HIGH SCHOOL

When you arrive on campus

- Please arrive on campus with face covering on.
- ***Face coverings do not include masks with exhalation valves.***
- Each student will be checked in with a temperature check and symptom check.
- Any student who does not pass the temperature check or symptom check will be sent to the health clerk’s waiting area where parents will be notified that the student will need to stay home.

Spacing and Distancing During the School day

- While we will do our best to implement social distancing, we will not promote social isolation.
- Face coverings are required at all times in hallways and bathrooms.
- Face covering style and decoration should be Eagle DNA compliant and non-distracting.
- Face coverings may be removed outside when socially distanced from others at least 6 feet.
- Face coverings may be removed in the classroom.
- Face coverings should be worn in the classroom in close contact situations (i.e. group work, lab partnering, etc.).
- Fine Arts electives such as Choir and Band may require additional layers of protocol. Choir students may be required to wear masks while singing and Band students may be required to initiate extra sanitation and farther distancing while playing.
- Your student may opt to wear a mask at all times.

How the Classroom will be handled

- Teachers will be required to wear masks at all times in their classroom unless they are alone.
- Students who have questions or disagreements about protocols will follow the guidance of the teacher in the classroom.

Transitions between classes

- All building occupants should do their best to adhere to social distancing of six feet whether inside or outside the building.
- Markers will be placed on the hallway floors to help guide distancing.
- Face coverings may only be removed when outside and socially distanced at least 6 feet from others.

- High School students may transition to and from the Byers Center by walking through the elementary building, but masks must be on and social distancing of 6 feet must be maintained.

Lunch and snack time protocols

- Students may remove masks during snack and lunch only when seated and socially distanced at least 6 feet from others.
- Students may eat snack and lunch in the cafeteria, courtyard when weather permits, and a classroom if a staff member is present.
- Snack items will be sold out of the cafeteria and items may be limited from last year. Some hot snack will still be available.
- *NEW* - There will be a designated drop area for any lunch delivered to a student from a restaurant through DoorDash, Uber Eats, etc. or by a parent. This area will be just outside the cafeteria glass doors facing the HS parking lot. No food should be delivered to the elementary office.

Visitor Protocols:

- No one outside of students or personnel will be allowed in the building at any time, including parents and family members.

Elective Classes, Specials and Extracurricular Activities

- Protocols for performance-driven electives and extracurricular activities will come from the Athletic and Fine Arts Directors.
- Protocols for things such as Pep Rallies and off-season sports will be addressed by the Athletics Director.
- Some electives, such as Home Economics and Engineering may limit some activities and may require additional layers of protocol, including sanitation and wearing masks more frequently.

Assemblies and large gatherings

- Large gatherings will be infrequent.
- Chapels will proceed weekly, but may be held outdoors when weather permits.
- Masks may be removed when outside and distanced at least 6 feet.
- Masks may be removed in large gatherings in doors only when seated, not singing, and distanced at least 6 feet.

Outside events

- Senior lunch will be allowed on Tuesdays for drive-thru or curbside only.
- HS Students (other than Seniors on Tuesdays) will not be allowed to sign out for lunch. If a parent signs a student out for lunch, that student must remain off campus the rest of the day and will be counted absent for any classes missed. A student who signs out for a reasonable or special circumstance may be exempt from this policy with written permission from the principal.

Retreat/First-days activities:

- School will begin with a normal A day on Thursday August 20 and normal B day on August 21.
- Spiritual life will cover targets normally hit during HS Retreat during the first few days of Bible and the first few Chapels.
- First-days activities such as House election and reveal will also take place during the first few flex periods and or other times during the normal daily schedule.
- HS Retreat will be brought back when COVID-19 protocols and schedule allows.

Miscellaneous

- Students will not be allowed to gather on school property outside school hours.
- Protocols may loosen if COVID-19 government restrictions are lifted.

- The following team and performance based extracurriculars and classes, as well as some activity based electives, will not be offered as a distance option.
 - All team sports
 - Off-season athletics
 - Choir
 - Theatre
 - Theatre Tech
 - Worship Culture
 - Band
 - EDPS
 - Home Economics
 - Journalism
- Students who opt for distance learning can still come on-campus for these classes only should they choose to. Students who do not wish to come on campus at all must amend their electives to other options not listed above.