

# August 11, 2020

## Parent Information Meeting #1

### Reopening of the school year Q&A

#### **How will lunchtime look?**

*Lunchtimes will be staggered - less students will be in the cafeteria at a time. This will mean some students will be eating earlier than normal or a bit later.*

#### **Can HS students still leave during lunch?**

*11th and 12th graders will still be allowed to leave campus at lunchtime if they are in good standings at the school. Remember, there is no driving during school hours.*

#### **How many students are choosing to distance learn completely?**

*7-8 families that have completed the survey so far have decided to distance learn completely at this point.*

#### **What will recess look like for elementary?**

*Just like lunchtime, less students will be on the playground at a time. We may have different groups play in different areas on the playground throughout the week.*

#### **ECFE/Preschool Teacher?**

*We hired a long-term sub for Ms. Rachel. Deb Dillard has many years of experience working early childhood and will be filling in for Ms. Rachel, plus she will be teaching ECFE for us this year.*

#### **Is the PreK schedule the same as it was going to be?**

*Yes*

*4s are in the building full days Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday*

*3s are in the building ½ day on Wednesday morning*

#### **Cleaning Routines and Protocols, what does that look like?**

*Outlined in the Restart Blueprint there is a schedule listed of who is responsible for cleaning different areas of the school and when it will take place. High traffic areas and touch places will be cleaned many times throughout the day.*

*Sarah Marshall, our nurse, will be full time at the beginning of the year to help us navigate all the protocols and recommendations and to care for our students when needed.*

#### **Drop-off and Pick-up**

*Non-essential people will not be allowed into the building. This means parents will not be joining their students into the building. There will be an adult to meet students at the doors who need assistance, for example, PreK and K students.*

#### **Open House - what will that look like this fall?**

*We are working on a schedule to have an Open House the week before school where small groups of families are invited into the school at different times. The details for this are still being determined.*

### **Will my child be screened prior to entering the building?**

*Sarah Marshall, our nurse, will be sending home a paper that will have information for parents on when not to send students to school, what to look for and such. This pre-screening will be the responsibility of the parents to conduct each school day. Once families determine their child is fine to attend, once they arrive to the first classroom of the day, there will be a temperature check. If there is a concern throughout the day the nurse will be called and she will assess the situation.*

*Update: Here is the Daily Health Screening Checklist:*

Parents to conduct a health screening every morning and before your child gets on the bus or arrives at school:

Does your child have any of the following?:

Fever or feeling feverish

A new cough

Shortness of breath

A new sore throat

Chills

New muscle aches

New Headaches

New loss of taste or smell

Nausea or vomiting

Diarrhea

If you answered "yes" to any of the questions, your child must stay home and away from other people, and contact your health provider. Please notify the school at 218-476-2285 ext. 70103 or [attendance@isd698.org](mailto:attendance@isd698.org).

### **Can my child still attend class virtually if he/she is home sick?**

*Family's choice - if the child has a sore throat so they stayed home but are up to do work, they are welcome to join virtually. In this case the student, if your student checks in with their teacher(s) the way they need to, they will not be marked absent. If the child is really ill and is not up to attending virtually, they do not have to. In this case they would be marked absent in Campus as "ill".*

### **Will distance learning look the same as in the Spring?**

*No, if your student stays home this fall and attends classes virtually, it will not be the same as the spring. High School will need to login and check in every hour with every teacher and attend class during that class time. Elementary will need to login for each subject. 3rd-6th grade teachers were discussing having their class streaming all day for students that are virtual.*

### **What is the difference between Homeschooling and Distance Learning?**

*In homeschooling the parents are responsible to teach their child.*

*In distance learning the teacher/district is responsible to teach the students.*

**Will school supplies be shared?**

*All students will be supplied with their own technology device and will not be sharing them with others. K-2 will have iPads and 3-12 will have Chromebooks.*

*Other classroom supplies will be theirs and not pooled together as community supplies this year. Students may be asked to bring different sets of supplies for the classroom and art room. We will be posting an updated supply list soon.*

*Students may bring and use their own hand sanitizer, but there will be some in each room and stations placed throughout the school.*

**Will students be asked to disinfect their desk?**

*Elementary students will not be disinfecting desks and such.*

*HS students - there may be some times that they do.*

**What items are not going to be allowed in classrooms this year?**

*There will not be rugs, stuffies, bean bags, fabric chairs, etc. These items are hard to clean and will not be in classrooms.*

*Nap time for PreK - this is something we are still working on to see how it will run.*

**The state will provide masks, right?**

*Each student will be provided with 1 cloth mask and 3 disposable masks.*

*PreK is not required to wear masks per the governors order.*

**Are gators/bandanas acceptable for a face covering?**

*Yes*

**Will my student be able to remove their mask when they are at their desk?**

*We have purchased plexiglass barriers. We will see how they work and determine what is safest for students and staff from there.*

**Water fountains - water bottles**

*The water fountains will not be in use except for the bottle fill stations. It is encouraged that your student bring a water bottle and fill it in the morning to have throughout the day when they are thirsty. At this time they do not need to be a clear water bottle. No glass bottles please.*

**Will students be able to have band this year?**

*Yes, we are able to have up to 30 students in our band room due to its size. We can safely have that many students (spread out) with their instruments.*

**If my family chooses distance learning, but our internet isn't the best, will the school provide hotspots like they did in the spring?**

*Yes*

**Will there still be a "will call" option for busing?**

*Yes - please make sure to complete the survey and mark you will need transportation. Jessica will then reach out to you about your needs.*