

Rationale

It is our belief that the many benefits from in-person instruction far outweigh the inconveniences we are going to ask of you. These inconveniences will help us avoid another school closure. Please know that everything we are going to ask of you is motivated by the fact that **WE WANT YOU HERE!**

Inconvenience #1 - Masks

Cloth masks must be worn by everyone. We will provide 2 masks for each student. We will incorporate plenty of breaks throughout the day to allow students to be mask free outside while physically distanced.

Inconvenience #2 – Physical Distancing

This is another tall order, but we are confident we can develop this habit and put it to use during class exchanges, recess, and pretty much all other times of the day. Keep your hands to yourself, respect the personal space of everyone around you, and travel on the right!

Inconvenience #3 -

We are asking parents to screen their students for the following six symptoms each morning. Please **STAY HOME** if you are experiencing any of the symptoms. We will temporarily suspend our attendance policy. Please stay home, but not longer than necessary. We need you in class! Because of the technology available and the impressive ability of our teachers to engage you online, it is expected that you stay caught up even while home. Unless, of course, you are too ill to participate.



Fever
(temperature of 100.4°F or 38°C or higher or feeling feverish)



Cough



Shortness of breath



Decrease in sense of smell or taste



Sore throat



Muscle aches and pains

WHEN 'I'
BECOMES 'WE'



EVEN 'ILLNESS'
BECOMES 'WELLNESS'

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Inconvenience #4 - Cohort

When someone tests positive, it is our job to identify possible exposures. A close contact exposure means a person was closer than 6 feet from someone who tested positive for 15 minutes or longer. If we are unable to determine who was in close contact with the person who tested positive, everyone in the classroom, bus, lunch or free period will be considered exposed and will be required to quarantine for 14 days. To avoid this, we will need to know where everyone is at all times of the day. This means that recess will be limited to a small cohort rather than the entire grade. We will assign cohorts to specific areas on the playground and in the lunchroom. Assigned seating will be the name of the game for all classes and lunch. Kind of a bummer, but way better than quarantining more people than necessary!

Inconvenience #5 - Hygiene

We are going to ask you to wash your hands much more than we ever have. It is expected that washing or using hand sanitizer will happen each time you exit and enter a room. We are also going to ask you to wash your masks at least once a week.

Discipline

We will follow the following protocol for students who refuse to comply with these expectations.

- 1st offense – teacher will handle
- 2nd offense – office referral, phone call home
- 3rd offense – parent meeting



“An inconvenience is an adventure wrongly considered.”

Gilbert K. Chesterton

Conclusion

This is certainly going to be an adventure! We understand that this is a lot to ask of our students, parents, teachers, and support staff. Our teachers and support staff are fully committed to doing our part to keep this school open for in-person learning. Thank you in advance for doing your part and supporting us in this adventure.

IT WILL BE WORTH IT!

