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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

We hope this letter finds you well during this unprecedented time and that you are enjoying the summer vacation. Even though the first days of school will seem much different this year, we hope that the information below will help you navigate the return to school.

As you should know, we will be utilizing a hybrid learning schedule to begin the school year. The first day of in-person instruction will be on **Tuesday, September 8 for Cohort 1 (last name A – Kh)** and **Thursday, September 10 for Cohort 2 (last name Ki – Z)**. On both days, students should follow their “A day” schedule of classes.

Cohort 1 attends school on Mondays and Tuesdays; Cohort 2 attends school on Thursdays and Fridays. There is no in-person instruction on Wednesdays. School hours remain unchanged. First bell is at 7:25 am and the day ends at 2:02 pm.

Students that have chosen the full remote model of instruction will be contacted by their teachers by **Wednesday, September 9**.

More information about the re-opening plans can also be found on the HS website.

Student Schedules

Enclosed please find a copy of your child’s schedule for the 2020 – 2021 school year. Another schedule, including teachers’ names and room numbers will also be provided to students in Homeroom/Period 2. Also, please note, your child’s locker assignment and combination have not been included on the schedules provided as students will not have access to lockers at this time. Lockers may be assigned at a later date.

Please review the enclosed schedule with your child and report scheduling errors to the appropriate high school counselor. These changes may be made via email **ONLY** on these dates: **August 26, 27, 28, 31 and September 3**. Email addresses are listed below. There will be no **IN-PERSON** meetings regarding schedules. **Only errors or conflicts in schedules will be addressed.** That said, please be advised that **no schedule changes will occur after school begins on September 8.**

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### Face coverings

Simply put, students must wear masks/face coverings at all times. Neck gaiters and bandanas are not appropriate forms of face coverings. Students who do not have appropriate face coverings will be given one upon arrival. The wearing of face coverings helps keep everyone safe, therefore it has been added to our Code of Conduct. If a student fails to comply with wearing face coverings they will be subject to disciplinary consequences.

### Buses/Drop off/Student Arrival

Buses are an extension of the school building; therefore, students must wear face coverings on the bus. A temperature check and health questionnaire (enclosed) must be completed and brought to school each day of attendance. Students in grades 9 and 10 will enter through the gymnasium doors and students in grades 11 and 12 will enter through the cafeteria doors. At each of those locations, the health questionnaire will be collected and another temperature scan may be conducted. If a student does not have the health questionnaire completed when they arrive, they will be directed to the main entrance so that a health screening can be conducted. Students will still have to "tap in" to school using their Scholar Chip ID cards. Grade 9 students will receive their cards at the open house or on their first day of school.

### Requests to change cohorts

We will not be honoring any cohort changes due to peer relationships. We fully understand how important social interactions with friends in a different cohort group might be, however for proper social distancing and instructional planning purposes we must adhere to the alpha split at this time.

### Trips

All class trips remain postponed. We are working very closely with the tour company for both the Grade 9 trip to Washington and the Senior Trip to Disney. As soon as travel restrictions ease, follow up information will be sent.

### Visitors

There will be no visitors allowed. We ask that you please minimize parent visits to school by ensuring you bring what you need to school in the morning.

### Breakfast and Lunch Programs

Breakfast and lunch will be served. The food service director will be posting more information regarding meal options prior to opening. There will be a breakfast kiosk set up near the gymnasium for Grade 9 and 10 students and Grade 11 and 12 students can purchase breakfast in the cafeteria. We are encouraging the use of the cashless system. Please settle any delinquent accounts prior to returning and update your child's My School Bucks account. If you need assistance please call, 631-870-2752.

Senior portraits

We have re-scheduled the dates. We are working with the cap and gown company to have items sent directly to the home prior to the picture days. More information will be posted to the website and a school messenger alert will be sent.

Clubs and extra-curricular activities/afterschool transportation

We are planning to have club activities. They are a very important part of our school. We will begin assessing and informing students/parents of which club activities will be available on or about September 21. There will be no afterschool buses until athletics and/or club activities are permitted to begin.

Despite all of the changes associated with this year's re-opening, we still look forward to a rewarding and successful school year. Please continue to visit the High School website for updated information. Should you have any questions or concerns related to the above, please feel free to contact any one of us.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures