

Parents, guardians, and students:

On November 9th many of our DCS students will be returning back to campus! We are so looking forward to being able to move into our second trimester and begin to welcome students back to in-person learning. Before we do that we wanted to be sure that you and your student are as ready as possible for trimester two, whether you are remaining online or returning to in-person instruction.

Starting on November 9th classes will resume their usual 8am-4PM school day schedule. You should have received this schedule via email earlier in the week. Both online students and in-person students need to know this schedule so that they can be successful on their first day. Please note, now that we are transitioning back into on campus learning there will be shorter passing periods between classes. There are no longer ten minute breaks between classes.

Finally, please remember that every Friday is Asynchronous and this means that students do not go to campus and online students do not need to log into an actual virtual session. Instead teachers will post activities/assignments for students to complete on this day. These assignments will need to be completed and submitted on that same Friday for attendance credit.

If your student is remaining online, please read the following information:

Students should be logged in beginning at 8am and their attendance will be taken. They will continue to follow their schedule all day by logging into each class (as according to the schedule provided). There are a few exceptions to this. Online students do **not** need to log in to workroom class (they should however, use this time to complete their work, as if they were in person) or their Reinforcement Lab class (if they have one). If your student has a Reinforcement Lab class, the teacher for that class will post assignments on their Google Classroom to be complete (such as IXL practice time or other review activities).

The other class that students online do **not** need to sign on via Zoom for is PE. Online students will be required to complete activities that are posted to their teachers Google Classroom page. There will be a modified version for Physical Education for both on campus and distance learners. This class is mandatory and will be graded.

Students must sign up for all of their Google Classroom pages by Monday 11/9.

If your student is returning in person, please read the following information:

When students arrive on campus between 7:30–8:00am they *must* be dropped off via carline. There are NO walkups allowed. When you arrive in carline *every* person in the car must have a mask on. Once you've come to a stop one of the teachers will take your student's temperature while still in the car and ask them the following questions: Do you have any symptoms? Have you come into contact with anyone who has tested positive? If your students answers "no" to both questions and has a normal temperature (less than 100.4) then they will walk toward the gate, sanitize their hands and go up to their homeroom where they will stay for all of their classes (with the exception of PE, as well as lunch and recess).

If you have a DCS and PCS student, please time your arrival at carline as close to 8:00am as possible so that you can drop off both students and that both students have proper supervision. If you arrive prior to 8:00am with your PCS student we will ask you to loop around and get back into carline to drop off the PCS student when their teachers are ready to receive them.

We are encouraging students as much as possible to bring only disposable items to school (plastic water bottles, disposable lunch items, etc). We are hoping to limit the number of items that go to and from school and so backpacks will not be allowed. If your student is bringing their own laptop we do understand that they may need to use a carrying case, though we ask that that case be wiped down before coming to campus. Small items such as feminine products etc. can be stored in a lunch bag or kept discreetly at the students desk (there will be a small bin for their supplies). If your student must bring a cellphone to campus, it must remain in their pocket. DCS has a firm policy against cell phone usage at school and will maintain that.

Your student will be supplied with notebooks, pens, pencils, and anything else that they may need to fully participate in their classes. These items will remain at their specific desk and will be available for them to use all day long. Teachers will have extra supplies of these items in case something needs to be replaced. We ask you to carefully consider what your student needs to bring to school and to be as selective as possible as we do our best to limit exposure or cross contamination.

For students who plan to buy lunch at school, you can have money put on their account prior to the first day back using the following link <https://www.mymealtime.com/>. Any cash or checks will need to be turned in to the front office.

Within the first few weeks of school your student will come home with a name placard to be placed in your car window to facilitate end of the day pickup. At the end of the day we will call students from their classroom to be dismissed for the day once their car arrives to limit crowds and grouping.

We look forward to seeing everyone again and getting started with the second trimester of school!

Please let us know if you have any questions,

Mrs. Cerezo and Mrs. Prescott