



July 25, 2020

FCS family,

Our Friday update has turned into a Saturday update. With all of the meetings and discussions around the start of the school year, we were not able until today to get out the weekly letter. We trust that all of you are well and enjoying the summer. Next week, we will begin to put many of the normal first of the year updates along with any updates with the coronavirus situation. As always, if you have questions, please feel free to call the school office during the week. A video has been provided as well with this email. FCS is trying to provide as much information as possible; so, it may seem like information overload. Our goal is simply to be as clear as possible with our plans. K5, 2nd, 7th, 8th and 9th are now closed for enrollment. Any interest in these grades now will be placed on a waiting list. We are also limiting the other grades that have openings to no more than 20 students to maximize student distancing in the classroom. If your child may not be returning to school this year, it is imperative that you reach out to the office immediately, especially for these classes that have waiting lists.

Honor God

As we seek to honor God in the midst of these times, please pray for FCS as we navigate the start of the school year. If you desire, you may come to the school campus and walk around the outside of the buildings and pray for the Lord's hand over this place. Also, it is our desire that we honor God with one another. We each have different stances and thoughts on the current situation. The Bible tells us to prefer one another. FCS has always been a place where we choose to love God and love one another. Let us remember that we may not know why an individual has taken his/her stance. Some homes have very high risk family members while others do not. Our goal is to be the same FCS even though the situation is different. Pray for and prefer one another!

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Assess and Protect

FCS will greet you each morning as you drop off your students. Temperatures will be taken as the student arrives to school. We will also ask if the student has been exposed or shown any symptoms of Covid-19. If there is a temperature or exposure or symptoms, the student may not attend school. FCS has partnered with Active Defender to help in this area. We currently use Active Defender as an early response mechanism for security/fire/safety issues on campus. Active Defender has added a feature where FCS can keep daily data on temperature/symptom checks. All data is privacy protected. In the event of any difficulties, FCS will have any necessary data to help assess and protect staff and students.

FCS continues to consult with any necessary source that will help with dealing with coronavirus. We will have our first medical alumni advisory team meeting this week as well. Please remember FCS does act independently of the public school system. Some families are reading public school guidance and thinking that is what FCS will do. FCS is not bound by public school guidance.

Limit and Maximize

As part of our Limit and Maximize plan, we are implementing these plans:

Each grade will be assigned a classroom. Elementary rooms are pretty much the same as normal. On the chart provided, you will see where each grade is located. Middle and high school will not change classes at this point. Teachers will come to them each period. Middle and High school students will still have plenty of breaks between periods. Rooms were assigned to grades based upon the size of the class and the size of the room. For example, the largest middle/high class got the largest classroom, thus maximizing student distance in the classroom. Bathrooms are being assigned to each room to limit student interaction with other grades. Toilets are being put in all elementary grades as well. Lockers are being moved to the area of each grade.

FCS has been working diligently to maximizing student distance in the classroom. Many hours have been spent moving out furniture items to increase the distance between students. Pictures of 6th and 10th grade rooms have been provided as an example. Students will have assigned seats in each room to control who each student has been around each day. It is our goal to have the rooms finished this week.

FCS has been working on outside areas where students can eat lunch. We have provided some pictures of the starting of that process. Umbrellas are being purchased for outside tables. Areas will be assigned to each grade.

PE/recess will only be with the student's grade to minimize interaction.

Student traffic patterns are also available in this email. Arrival pattern is for when students get to school in the morning. As students arrive and are assessed, they will go straight to their rooms. No students may arrive before 7:30. A second traffic pattern for during the day is available for you to review. Departure student traffic flow is available as well. Beane Signs will be clearly marking the sidewalks and halls with arrows for students to follow.

FCS is maximizing sanitation/disinfectant of the school. Active Pure technology air purifiers will be arriving next week and will be installed in the school. We encourage you to take a minute and familiarize yourself with the product. Documentation has been provided in this email. We believe it is the best product for air purification in the school.

FCS has already began to use Bioesque disinfectant each day. An information sheet for Bioesque has been provided for you. FCS has hired additional staff to help with monitoring of common areas, bathrooms and common tough areas each hour. FCS will be installing about 30 hand sanitizing stations this week throughout the buildings.

All equipment to start the school year to aid with improving the school this year have been ordered or has already arrived on campus. All improvements should be in place to start the school year.

FCS is limiting fall sports practices to one a week until the week of August 17. Practices will also be limited to only varsity players until school starts. Boys soccer will practice each Monday, beginning on August 3 at 6 pm. Volleyball is practicing each Thursday at 7 pm. There is no announcement on the game schedule at this time. We are waiting for further guidance from the NCCSA.

Maintain Normalcy

FCS will strive even in the middle of such circumstances to provide the same type of education that you are used to. Teachers will be teaching like normal. Inside of the classroom, the daily routine will look pretty much the same. Children need some sort of normalcy during these days.

Clarify

FCS desires to clearly communicate updates. After August 1, you will be receiving The Eagle Health and Wellness Pledge for parents and students to sign to return by Open House.

How do we go back safe and seek to stay safe? - 6 Steps

- 1.** It starts at home with honest assessing for fever, symptoms and exposure. The health of staff, students, and families depends on it! Stay at home if there is fever, symptoms, or exposure. Usage of medicine to reduce fever or symptoms is the same as having a fever or symptoms.
- 2.** FCS will assess staff, students, and anyone else when they arrive at school for fever, symptoms, and exposure. Anyone with these issues will have to go home. FCS will have to extend grace in absences, if this occurs.
- 3.** Active Pure Technology air purification systems are helping fight the contaminants in the air and helping to provide fresher air all throughout the day.
- 4.** Maximizing distancing on campus - arrival/departure, in class, common areas, activities and the use of masks (if necessary)
- 5.** Enhanced sanitation/disinfectant of the rooms and common areas all throughout the day with Super Sans Sanitizer and Bioesque disinfectant
- 6.** Once students have gone for the day, the buildings are disinfected with Bioesque and sanitized with the Active Pure Technology air purification system super sanitize mode.

FAQ

1. Masks? FCS is continuing to assess the wearing of masks. A decision on this matter will probably not be made until after the first week of August.

2. Are we starting in August? Lord-willing, FCS plans to start in person for all students on campus the week of August 17.

3. Will FCS staff be wearing masks? FCS has invested in Active Pure Technology Fresh Air Personal devices that are worn around the neck of the staff. These devices work on the same technology as the air purifiers that are in the room. The devices are to protect staff as well as the students.

4. What happens if someone at FCS gets Covid-19? If the individual tests positive, they are quarantined for 14 days at the onset of symptoms. Those individuals that were inside of the 6 foot space of the infected individual for 15 minutes can be quarantined as well for exposure. Thus, this is the reason for FCS maximizing social distance in all areas, the use of seating charts, and other guidelines.

5. Will there still be Open House? Details about Open House will be posted after the first week of August.

6. What grades have openings? Preschool, 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 10th, 11th and 12th. Please keep in mind most of these classes only have a couple of spots left because we are limiting the size of classes to maximize distancing in the rooms. We tend to be stricter on admission in the upper high school, as well. Our desire is always to educate more students, but due to current circumstance, we are seeking to be very careful with a huge influx of students.

7. What about the Wild's school camp in September? At this point, this event is too far away to make any type of decision. In the event that we do not go, these days will be normal days of school.

8. What about chapels? For right now, chapels will be live-streamed to each classroom. FCS will not start the year with in-person chapels in the gym.

9. What about other activities? Plainly speaking, FCS's number one goal right now is to simply be able to go back to school. All other activities outside of the normal school day classes will be secondary to having school each day.