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Dear Seaside Middle School 7th & 8th Grade Families:

As we begin to transition back into school, there are answers to a number of questions I have received and some new information I would like to share with you about the transition back to school on March 1st.

Most importantly, our hybrid plan allows for students that are exhibiting symptoms synonymous with COVID-19 or who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 symptoms to stay home and continue to access their education remotely. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND STUDENTS THAT ARE EXHIBITING SYMPTOMS OR THAT HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO SCHOOL.** In the event that your student is exhibiting symptoms or has been exposed, please call the main office at 503-738-5586 to indicate your student will not be in-person on their scheduled day and will attend class remotely as part of the Red Group (explained below).

Dates for Return and Schedules

- ALL 7th & 8th GRADE STUDENTS ENTERING IN-PERSON AND CDL WILL BEGIN THE THIRD TRIMESTER ON March 1st. (Students continuing in Thrive will have until 3/12 to finish their Thrive courses and begin their new courses on 3/15.) We have made the decision to end the trimester on February 25th for students entering in-person and CDL and transition all students at the same time. **FEBRUARY 26TH WILL BE A NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADES (NO SCHOOL).** This will allow us to put the final touches on our classrooms in order to welcome students back safely.
- We are finishing up schedules for the 3rd trimester and should have those ready to view by Wednesday, February 24th. Schedules will be available to view on StudentVUE/ParentVUE.
- Students with the last name starting with A-K will attend school in-person on Mondays and Tuesdays.
- Students with the last name starting with L-Z will attend school in-person on Thursdays and Fridays.
- School will begin at 8:10 am and dismiss at 2:00pm for all students on-site.
- For Students on their off-site days and all CDL students
 - Students in the Red off-site group will begin remote learning at 8:10am and finish at 12:00pm
 - Students in the Blue off-site group will begin remote learning at 9:10am and finish at 2:00pm
- All CDL students will be included in the Blue group.
- All other students that are off-site will be notified whether they are in the Red Group or the Blue Group prior to March 1st.
- Students scheduled to be off-site will likely attend their core classes in a different order than they do when they are in- person

Bell Schedule: <u>In-Person</u>	<u>Red Group (off-site)</u>	<u>Blue Group (off-site)</u>
○ 1st Period: 8:10am-9:00am	8:10am Science - Bice/Forman	
○ 2nd Period: 9:10am-10:00am	9:10am ELA-Habecker/Gagnon	10am Science - Bice/Forman
○ 3rd Period: 10:10am-11:00am	10:10am Math - Seybold/Herd	10:10am ELA-Habecker/Gagnon
○ 4th Period: 11:10am-12:00pm	11:10am SS - Funk/Tobias	11:10am Math -Seybold/Herd
○ Lunch: 12:00pm-12:35pm	12:00pm End of Day	12:00pm Lunch
○ 5th Period/HR: 12:35pm-2:00pm		12:35pm SS - Funk/Tobias

- Performing Arts for Middle School students will resume for 7th & 8th grade, after the school day ends, beginning March 16 in a 100% remote model.

Transportation and Drop Off

- Bus routes are being completed and will be available prior to March 1.
- Students being dropped off will need to be dropped off on the East side of the building. Personnel will be available to direct you during the first days of school. Students being dropped off **WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ENTER THE BUILDING PRIOR TO 8:00AM.**
- It is likely that windows on both the busses and in the classrooms will remain open to increase air flow. Students should dress appropriately.

School Supplies

- Students will need to bring the following items to school in their own bag that they will be responsible for keeping with them for the duration of the day:
 - School issued ChromeBook or personal computer/ChromeBook with charger. (Cell phones will be allowed to be brought to school, however, they will not be allowed as a substitute for a personal device and must remain in backpacks/bags during class)
 - Writing utensils -- pencils and pens
 - Water bottle (drinking fountains will only be available as refilling stations)

Safety Protocols and Screening

- All students will be required to wear a fitted mask. Students that don't arrive with masks or soil their masks will be provided a mask at school before they can enter the building or remain in the classroom.
- Students will be encouraged to frequently wash or sanitize their hands. They will be required to do so before and after their lunch time.
- Students will be subject to a visual screen upon boarding the bus and entering the building. Students on-site will also be required to complete a brief screening questionnaire prior to arriving at school or during first period. Students will be able to indicate they would like a free school meal at the time they complete their screening questionnaire.
- All students will be required to adhere to a strict seating arrangement on the bus, in class, and during lunch.
- Students will be required to wipe down their own desks at the conclusion of each class with school provided sanitizer and towels.
- Students will only be allowed to access restroom facilities during class and will be limited to one student per class at a time.
- Students will not have access to microwaves or heating equipment in the cafeteria areas.
- Students that refuse or are consistently unable to follow safety protocols will be required to access their education remotely.

While this is an exhaustive list, I am certain there will be many more questions. I plan to hold an informational meeting at 6pm on Thursday, February 25th for all 7th & 8th grade students and families. That meeting can be accessed through this link ([7th & 8th Grade Parent Meeting Link](#)) and it will be made available on our website and sent out via email and text prior to the meeting.

We are excited to welcome our students into our building. I appreciate everyone's patience as we organize our return to in-person instruction. I also ask that you continue to be partners in practicing responsible habits to ensure we are able to remain in school.

Regards,

Jeff