Upper School Opening School Plan Zoom Meeting
Monday, August 10, 2020 – 5:00 pm

Items not asked about but brought up:

- Uniforms must be worn waist up while online with the teacher.
- The state has not changed any scheduled state assessments so far.
- The Academy schedule will not change.
- Busing may not be available if they cannot meet our requirements for hours.
- All parent meetings and conferences will be virtual.
- Parents and other visitors will not be allowed in the buildings to minimize the number of people staff and students’ exposure.
- Every student, including siblings in grades 2-8 will get a Chromebook
- Masks are required for all students and staff in grades 2-8
- Parents are asked to bring in a bottle of hand sanitizer and provide masks for their children; extra masks will be available.
- Student will eat lunch in their classrooms

Below are the questions and answers discussed at the meeting.

**WILL SCHOOL HOURS CHANGE?**
Student drop off will be 7:45am; dismissal is the same for now, but could change if necessary.

**CAN STUDENTS BRING AND USE THEIR OWN CHROMEBOOKS?**
Right now No, but will check with Tony Schumann, our IT Coordinator.

**CAN STUDENTS HAVE A CHOICE TO USE LOCKERS?**
Lockers will be assigned and will be used for storage. Students will go to them before class and before leaving.

**WILL STUDENTS HAVE PE?**
Yes, in the classroom, where it will be a focused on a health class. On good days gym could be held outside. Art and Music will also be in the classroom.

**CAN PARENTS CHOOSE TO KEEP STUDENTS HOME?**
Yes, if parents would like to keep them home they can have all remote learning. If they choose to return to school, they must stay out an entire quarter before they can return. A parent may also choose to homeschool a student and would have to withdraw from LFDCS.

**HOW MANY MASK BREAKS WILL STUDENTS HAVE? WHAT WILL THE PROCEDURE BE?**
Students will have 2 breaks either in the gym or outside and 1 class at a time. Students will keep them off during lunch as well. We will have a daily rotation to the gym where students can spread out and remove their masks at a safe distance. If possible, students/teachers may utilize the parking lot space to have an outdoor mask break.

**CAN STUDENTS BRING LUNCH FROM HOME?**
Not sure—will check with Nutritional Services Director.

**WILL THERE BE SPORTS AND CLUBS?**
Not at this time.

**WILL STUDENTS DO COMMUNITY SERVICE?**
Only if we can decide on a safe way to do it.

**CAN STUDENTS BRING THEIR PHONE TO SCHOOL?**
Yes. They will be collected in individual sandwich bags and returned at dismissal.

**WHAT IF A STUDENT WON’T WEAR A MASK?**
A parent will be called to discuss it like any other issue?
WHAT IF A STUDENT HAS SYMPTOMS?
Keep them home until they have a negative test or 14 days.

IF A STUDENT HAS ASTHMA CAN THEY WEAR A PLASTIC FACE SHIELD?
Yes

CAN YOU GUARANTEE THAT MY CHILD WON’T GET SICK?
No. We can work together to take all precautions to keep them as safe as possible.

HOW WILL TEACHERS TAKE ATTENDANCE DURING REMOTE LEARNING WEEKS?
Students will have specific times that they must be online. Teachers will check at the end of the day to see who was participating and completing work.

WILL STUDENTS’ TEMPERATURES BE TAKEN EVERY DAY?
No. It is unreliable as a symptom.

WILL STUDENTS BE ON ZOOM FOR 8 HOURS?
No. Teachers will provide a schedule of various activities, not all of them will be on the computer.

WHAT SUPPORT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR STUDENTS WORKING FROM HOME ON B WEEK (REMOTE WEEK) OR FULL TIME (ALL REMOTE)?
- Students will have access to videos of teachers giving direct instruction in all subject areas, including answers to questions asked in class
- If technical difficulties arise, a Help Desk will be set up for parents/families
- Teachers will respond to student questions after school hours, approximately 4-6 PM daily, depending on the teacher
- Parents are encouraged to check their students’ grades weekly through the Rediker Parent Portal

HOW WILL PARENT DROP OFF/PICK UP WORK?
- We will continue to drop off on Bradford street in the morning. Students will be spaced out 6 ft. apart once entering the building, and head straight to their homerooms
- Parent Pick Up will continue on Bradford/West Street in the afternoons
- Parents should not accompany students into the building in the mornings unless absolutely necessary
- Parents will not be allowed entry in the building for “early dismissal” and must call ahead or send in a note

SHOULD I BRING BAGS OF SUPPLIES ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL?
Parents should provide students with supplies in their backpacks on day one. Please resist from sending in multiple bags of supplies at a time. Supplies can trickle in during the first week of school.

WILL THERE STILL BE A 5TH GRADE INFORMATION NIGHT?
Yes! We will host a virtual Zoom parent meeting on the evening of the first day of school. Information will be sent home with your student on day 1.

WILL THERE BE AN OPENING DAY CELEBRATION?
No

WILL THERE BE A FIELDTRIP TO PROJECT ADVENTURE THIS YEAR?
No, all field trips for the year have been cancelled at this time.

ARE UNIFORMS REQUIRED WHEN STUDENTS ARE WORKING FROM HOME?
Yes, we will be requiring students to be in LFDCS uniform when tele-conferencing with teachers this year.

HOW WILL OPENING DOORS WORK?
We will be hosting parent information sessions virtually this year, as well as linking with high schools for virtual tours and information sessions when applicable. More information to come from this office as the year continues.

DO GRADES COUNT?
All grades count and will contribute to the students GPA, regardless of in person or remote work. Students are held accountable for logging on daily between 8AM and 3PM to receive daily attendance points. Students must complete schoolwork for multiple subject areas daily – schedules will be posted on Schoology. Students must respond to messages received from teachers on Schoology in a timely manner.

CAN I SWITCH MY CHILD FROM “A” WEEK TO “B” WEEK OR VICE VERSA?
No. No changes will be honored due to limited class sizes, and the need for siblings to remain on the same week. No exceptions.

CAN I SEND MY CHILD TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY?
Not at this time. Students in grades 2-6 may apply for the Remote Learning Academy, but students in grades 7-8 may only come on their assigned week. The only exception to this rule applies to students on Individualized Education Plans.
WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS COVID SYMPTOMS?
If they start having symptoms at school, you will be contacted by the school nurse immediately. The child must quarantine at home for 14 days, or until proof of a negative COVID test is provided to the nurse’s office. If they start having symptoms at home, keep them home and call the school. The child must quarantine at home for 14 days, or until proof of a negative COVID test is provided to the nurse’s office. If they are able, students are encouraged to keep up with school work during any time spent in quarantine.

WHAT WILL THE SCHOOL DO IF A CHILD TESTS POSITIVE?
Unsure of this protocol at this time.

HOW WILL YOU MANAGE STUDENT TRANSITIONS?
Students will remain in their homeroom for the entirety of the day, aside from mask breaks, bathroom breaks or trips to the nurse’s office. Teachers will call the nurse ahead of time to confirm her office is vacant before sending a student. School cameras will be used to monitor students in the hallways, per usual. Only one child will be able to enter the bathroom at a time, using the key card entry system. Key cards will be sanitized after each use. Students entering in the morning will be spaced out on the stairs, closely monitored by staff and will report directly to their classroom. Stairwells will be one way only – Up the front staircase, down the back staircase – unless there is a fire drill.

Other questions that were not asked:

IF WE ARE FORCED TO SWITCH TO REMOTE LEARNING, WILL K-2 AND GRADE 1 BE PROVIDED CHROMEBOOKS?
Just first grade, Kindergarten will Zoom.

WHAT IS THE THRESHOLD OF CASES (IN LAWRENCE AND/OR AT LFDCS) THAT WOULD CAUSE US TO SWITCH TO FULLY REMOTE LEARNING?
Not sure.