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STEM MAGNET ACADEMY COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Students and Families,

I understand that you have many questions about the reopening of school. Here are a few things that I want you to be aware of as we plan to kickoff the school year.



WE WILL WEAR MASKS.

You may be greeted with a hidden smile, but we will find ways to say, "Hello!" like winking, waving, or even dancing. **We are excited to have you back!**

WE WILL HAVE TO SOCIALLY DISTANCE OURSELVES.

We may not be side-by-side, but we will find innovative ways to collaborate, play, and learn from one another whether in classroom or online. **We will still put the "fun" in fundamentals.**

WE WILL NOT HAVE ALL OF OUR CLASSMATES IN THE SAME ROOM AS SOME WILL BE LEARNING FROM HOME.

We are all SMA Eagles whether in-person or online. Virtual students are still part of our Eagle Family! **There is strength in unity, and we will always stand united.**

TEACHERS WILL CHANGE CLASSES.

Students in grades 3-9 will not change classes. Instead, teachers will rotate to each room. Students in grades 10-12 will remain in a static group for all core classes and will have staggered rotations for electives. **We are finding creative ways to keep our campus safe!**

OUR DAILY SCHEDULE WILL CHANGE.

We will not have our usual A/B block schedule. Instead students will take fewer courses and see all of their teachers everyday. All graduation requirements will still be met! Oh, and since we know everyone will get tired of sitting in the same class all day, we will have longer lunches and extra recess breaks! **We are striving to ensure we meet the educational & emotional needs of our students.**

JUNIORS AND SENIORS WILL BE ABLE TO LEAVE EARLY.

Juniors and seniors who do not participate in varsity sports and have their own transportation will be able to leave campus once they are finished with all of their courses. The time varies for each student. Students who are able to leave early will receive an approximate dismissal time during the student walk-through. **We are making many adjustments to make this school year a reality.**

WE WILL NEED TO BE ADAPTABLE AS WE EMBARK ON THIS NEW JOURNEY.

No one has all of the answers right now, but we will continually search for the best solutions for our campus. There will be kinks that will need to be ironed out as we adjust to all of the changes. What's best for our student will always be the driving force. **We are stronger when we support one another!**

TRADITIONAL EVENTS WILL TAKE ON A NEW FORM.

We will host a student walk-through instead of a traditional open house and schedule pickup. Dates and times of previously scheduled events are likely to change. **We will think outside of the box when it comes to moving forward while keeping everyone safe.**

VISITORS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON CAMPUS.

Parents needing to speak with a teacher or administrator will need to schedule an appointment in advance. Meetings will be held via phone conference or Zoom. We ask the student checkouts be limited to EMERGENCIES ONLY. **Parental support is crucial! We want to hear from you, but we have to keep everyone on campus safe.**



DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 7
GRADES 6-12 STUDENT
WALK-THROUGH (ON-
CAMPUS STUDENTS ONLY)

AUGUST 10
GRADES 3-5 STUDENT
WALK-THROUGH

GRADES 3-12 VIRTUAL
STUDENT WALK-THROUGH

AUGUST 11
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



UNIFORMS AND FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE WALK-THROUGHS.

PLEASE SEE THE WALK-THROUGH SCHEDULES FOR MORE INFORMATION.