

Dear Faith Families,

As we enter into the beginning of July, you will begin hearing more from Faith School! We are excited to welcome all of our students and families back to campus for First Night on August 23 and for the first day of school on Wednesday, August 25.

Many of you might be wondering what school will look like when we come back on August 25. While we worked hard to have a “normal” year during the 2020/21 school year, we all knew that there were differences. We are thankful we will once again be able to come together as **#OurFaithFamily** this fall.

Here are a few of the things we anticipate as we look to the 2021/22 school year:

- All classroom educators will conduct home visits
 - You can anticipate your child’s teacher reaching out to schedule a time to come meet with you in person at your house in late July or early August.
 - This allows us to begin forming positive relationships long before the first day of school
- All classes will be held on campus
 - There will not be an online option for full-time education of students
- Masks will be optional for all students regardless of vaccination status
 - We will follow directives as required from the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Currently there is no mask mandate
 - Families are welcome to make their own choices when it comes to the wearing of masks
- Quarantines may still be necessary
 - Depending upon the LLCHD definition of “close contacts” we may still need to quarantine from time to time. When this occurs, we will utilize zoom and send home classwork for students to complete
- Chapel families will return
 - We will sit in chapel families for our chapel time rather than sitting in our class groups (beginning the second week of school)
 - Preschool students will also once again join us for chapel on Wednesday mornings
 - Parents and families are welcome to come for chapel each Wednesday morning at 8:40am
- Lunch
 - Parents will be welcomed back to have lunch with their students:
 - **All parents must contact the office and classroom educator IN ADVANCE of the day you would like to join your child for lunch**
 - Due to spacing there may be limits to the number of adults that can be in the lunchroom on any given day
 - **Please make having lunch with your child a special occasion, not a regular occurrence**
- Recess
 - Two classes (or more) will recess together regardless of indoor or outdoor recess

While many things will return, some changes will remain as we feel they enabled us to best meet the needs of students and families. For example:

- Self-Monitoring of Illness
 - We encourage families to continue to self-monitor children for any kind of illness
 - Keep children home when they do not feel well
 - Communication with the school office is key - please call anytime with questions about whether to keep a child home or not
- First Night
 - Families will receive a link to sign up for a time
 - Utilizing this feature enables educators to have more time with each family as we limit the number of people in each classroom
- Many celebrations could include both an in-person and a virtual component, enabling us to include those that live farther away and cannot attend in-person
 - ie. Veteran's Day, Grandparents' Day, Christmas services, etc

We are so thankful for **#OurFaithFamily**. We are blessed to partner with families in raising children and preparing them for both life and eternity! God's blessings as you enjoy the remainder of your summer...we are here for any questions!

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