

The Lamplighter School

COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q. What happens to the end-of-year traditions for Seniors?

We are saddened that our students will not participate in all of the time-honored Lamplighter spring traditions. Each event and tradition is being evaluated as we seek options for offering alternatives when school resumes. For example, the graduation ceremony and senior parade may be held before students begin fifth grade. As part of the celebration, the fourth grade faculty may host a special luncheon just for the Seniors.

Q. Will the Senior Opera still happen this school year?

Unfortunately, we will not have a Senior Opera due to COVID-19 and our campus closure. If school reopens in early May, there will not be enough time to produce a quality experience for our students and their families.

Q. When will third graders be measured for their Senior jackets?

Measuring for third graders' jackets typically happens the second week of April. We are in contact with the jacket company about the latest date that Lamplighter may submit measurements to ensure delivery in the fall.

Q. What about the Placement Meeting with third grade parents?

The meeting with third grade parents to learn about the application process for middle school will be held when school resumes. The Admission & Placement team will send information about the process in late May. A virtual meeting and question & answer session is being planned.

Q. Will International Night be rescheduled?

Unfortunately, International Night will be cancelled for this year.

Q. Will we have Family Splash Day and the Alumni Car Wash?

The Alumni Car Wash will, unfortunately, be cancelled this year. However, Family Splash Day will be rescheduled.

Q. How will the school function in the upcoming 2020-2021 school year?

The Lamplighter School is planning to open the 2020-2021 school year as it has since 1953. Further, plans are being made for additional physical safety in a post-COVID, pre-vaccine environment. More information will be published prior to school reopening.

Q. Will my child receive periodic calls or emails from his/her teacher?

Yes! Calls or emails to students and parents are scheduled on a class-by-class basis. The teacher will email parents prior to the phone call. **Note: Your teacher may call from a number that appears to be unlisted, blocked, or unfamiliar.**

Q. How will Lamplighter continue to foster community?

The strength of The Lamplighter School is our Lamplighter Parents' Association (LPA) and relationships that parents have established with one another and the faculty and staff. We value our strong community. Please make sure to follow Lamplighter on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Q. Will Lamplighter use Zoom for classroom meetings?

Intentionally, we have moved slowly to roll out Zoom for students for a myriad of reasons. As our teachers are getting up to speed on Zoom technology, we have limited synchronous meetings. Starting the week of April 6, each class will have an optional scheduled Zoom classroom session. These meetings are intended for our students to make connections and to build community. We strongly encourage families to establish virtual playdates with classmates on the variety of platforms available, including Zoom.

Q. Are there safety precautions we should be taking since we'll be using Zoom video meetings in our homes?

The Zoom platform has made significant improvements to its safety measures to limit risks. Parents monitoring of online activity is always recommended. **See The Lamplighter School's Zoom FAQs & Tips for more information.**

Q. Can my student's teacher Zoom 1:1 with my child?

Classroom teachers will lead a meeting via Zoom with the class beginning the week of April 6. Your child's teacher will reach out with details.

Q. Can our class set up an Instagram account?

All social media channels are being utilized by the Lamplighter Communications team for institutional messaging. Visit the Lamplighter [Facebook](#) page and [Instagram](#) account to post your photos, comment, and insert hashtags. We love seeing your posts!

Q. What should parents expect regarding the number of the days of the week for student instruction?

Both Early Childhood and Lower School divisions will provide instruction four days per week beginning the week of April 13. Our goal is to offer the highest quality and most robust learning experiences for each student.

Q. Are faculty and staff available online every day?

Faculty and staff members are working every school day between 7:45 a.m. and 3:45 p.m.

Teachers send lessons each evening. All responses to questions outside school hours will be addressed the following school day.

Q. Is Lamplighter giving CTP (Comprehensive Testing Program) sponsored by ERB this year?

In light of the most recent shelter-in-place order we have planned to administer standardized testing in the fall for grades 2-3-4. Students in grade 1 through grade 4 will also test next spring (April 2021). Additional assessments will be administered by classroom teachers when school resumes.

Q. How are the animals?

The animals are doing just fine, except for, missing all of you! The chickens especially miss the Cheerios from Early Childhood students. Mr. Spencer is feeding and caring for the donkey ("Spiderman Lightning"), the cow ("Lollipop"), and the goats ("M&M" and "Cupcake") each day. This year, the animals will move to their farm home on April 15. We look forward to welcoming new animals with you in the fall.

Q. The Seniors are wondering what will happen to the chickens?

If you are interested in taking a chicken home, please reach out to [Marynell Murphy](#) no later than Thursday, April 9 to make arrangements. All remaining chickens will go back to the farmer.

Q. What is happening to the eggs from the chickens?

Mr. Spencer has been collecting the eggs and giving them to families in need.

Q. What about the 2020-2021 Lamplighter Layers program for current third grade students?

A temporary home for eggs and baby chicks will be established in the third grade shared space on May 6. The new chickens will be moved to the barn at the end of May. Members of the Class of 2021 will meet their chickens and begin running the Lamplighter Layers Corporation when school resumes.

Q. What is the plan for Camp Lamplighter and FunCamp?

A decision will be made when we are permitted to return to campus.

Q. What happens with items purchased as part of *Earth Ball 2020*?

The LPA Auction Committee and Advancement Team will be in contact with both the donors and winners of the items.