



August 26, 2021

Dear Academy Families,

Welcome to our new sixth graders and welcome back to our seventh and eighth grade students. We are Academy at Rosemont, Home of the Ambassadors and Young Scholars! Two great academic programs under one school roof. I hope you are ready to return to a new school year "face to face". We will be open **Monday through Friday** for in person learning. The first day of school is **Wednesday, September 8th which is an ODD Day**. The school day begins at **8:30** and ends at **3:00**. Students can enter the building at 7:55 a.m. Remember, breakfast and lunch will be available each day and is free to each student. **Here are a few additional topics outlined for your convenience:**

New Staff Members

A new school year brings along new members to the Academy Family. We want to welcome our new teachers and staff members: Ms. Michelle Bates, Technology Foundations Teacher, Ms. Frances Chiroque, Orchestra Teacher, Ms. Virginia Davis, Art Teacher, Ms. Danielle Aristide, French Teacher, Ms. Shakira Thomas, Paraprofessional in Special Education, Ms. Carleen Robinson, Paraprofessional in Special Education, Officer Tameka Butts, School Security Officer. Officer Butts will be outside in the morning and the afternoon helping to facilitate the traffic flow. She will also be in the lobby or walking the halls during the school day. Officer Butts will be in the cafeteria during lunch to provide support for students. Please be sure to welcome Officer Butts when you see her around the school.

Morning Routine

All students will come through the Music Hall Door that leads to the cafeteria each morning. Students can enter 7:55 a.m. Teachers and staff will be outside and inside to direct student to the appropriate locations. We will use the cafeteria and gymnasium as waiting areas, so students are socially distant and comfortable until

the first bell rings for the day which is 8:25am. Students are encouraged to bring a book to read while they are waiting.

Transportation

Parents, please refer to the flyer "Here Comes the Bus" for directions on how to locate your child's bus stop. You will need your child's student ID# to help with this process. This information is located on your child's school schedule. Transportation can be reached at 757-892-3320.

Masks Protocol

It is important that every person who enters the school building wear a mask covering their nose and mouth the entire time they are in school building (except while eating and drinking).

Lockers

Students **will not** have lockers this school year for their use. Students are encouraged to bring only the supplies needed for their Odd/Even Day respectively. Please refer to Odd/Even Day Schedule. **Book bags are allowed in classrooms. Phones should be tucked away in bookbags.** Gym lockers will not be used, however, students will have the option to dress out for P.E.. Our locker rooms will be used for this purpose. Students will be given a place to "stage" their uniform clothing securely while participating in P.E.

Please encourage students to leave valuables at home for their enjoyment.

Water Fountains

Water fountains are currently closed for everyone's safety. Students are strongly encouraged to bring their own water bottle or safe container to hold drinking water only. The school will have extra water bottles available in an emergency.

Restroom Breaks

Students are reminded that **only 1 person is allowed in the restroom** at a time. Students should call into the restroom before entering. Students should always have their masks on, in case you enter and there is another person in the restroom.

Bell Schedule

The first bell in the morning will ring at 8:25 and all students should be in class before the tardy bell at 8:30. Students should have all their supplies with them, as lockers will not be in use for the remainder of the school year.

Technology

All students returning to face-to-face should bring their Norfolk Public Schools' Chromebook back to school and bring it each day for their use. While students will be face to face, most of their assignments will continue to be on Canvas/Google Classroom. Students **should not** bring their ***personal devices*** to school. Cell phones should be stored in book bags during the school day and used at the end to communicate with parents and or guardians.

Uniforms

Remember, we are a uniform school so all students returning to face-to-face learning should plan to be in the appropriate uniform each day. Our School Uniform Closet has gently used clothing for sale at \$3.00 per item. The closet is open each Wednesday from 10 until 2 by appointment only. Please call the main school office to schedule an appointment.

Spirit Days

Each Friday of each week, we will have spirit days and students may wear a spirit shirt with uniform bottoms. This includes shirts with our school's name and logo, or official club shirts such as: Chorus, Band, Orchestra, FBLA, SCA, etc. Spirit shirts will go on sale the second week of school during lunch periods. The prices range from \$5 to \$15. The money benefits students' PBIS events.

Class Schedules

While we tried to accommodate all course requests, we had to **adjust** schedules based on priorities. If students were assigned to a Math/Reading Support Class, they will only have one elective assigned.

Lunch Schedule

Students will have 30 minutes for lunch. If you wish for your child to have something other than the school lunch, please send it with them in a lunch box. Please do not bring food from commercial restaurants to school or have it delivered during the

school day. Thanks kindly for your help with this. Lunch will take place during 5th or 6th Blocks: **11:30-12:00; 12:15-12:45; 1:00-1:30**

School Dismissal Procedures

Students who are car riders and walkers will be dismissed **first so car riders can leave campus first**, then bus riders will be called by bus number so to keep students socially distant. Once bus riders are dismissed, cars still on campus may have to wait until all the buses roll to leave the carport area. If car riders are not picked up by 3:15, they will be escorted to the main office to wait. Parents will need to come inside with identification to sign his/her child out for dismissal. Our security officer, Ms. Tameka Butts will be facilitating this process. Please arrive to school by 2:45 if you will be transporting your child. Use the front parking lot to line up and wait for your child.

Early Pick-ups for Appointments

Please send a note with your child if you will be picking your student up early. Please no later 2:30 to sign your student out early before buses start arriving. Dismissal can be very busy after this time.

Truly looking forward to a great school year!

Very sincerely,

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