

Frequently Asked Questions

General Information

1. Does my child have to wear a mask to school?

- a. Yes, every person has to wear a mask that covers the mouth and nose. Masks with vents are not acceptable. Medical exceptions must be approved by the District. Masks should be disposed of each day if disposable or washed each day prior to wearing again.

2. What will happen if my child does not wear a mask in school?

- a. If they refuse to wear a mask without proper authorization or remove the mask for inappropriate reasons they will be removed from school for the day. There is the possibility of further consequences that would require them to access distance learning.

3. What happens if my child gets fatigued with wearing a mask?

- a. There are built in mask breaks in the schedule and teacher's discretion will be used for additional mask breaks.

4. What if my child forgets his or her mask or it breaks during school?

- a. The school will provide a disposable mask for the day.

5. What will my student do without a locker?

- a. Students will have to carry their items in their backpack or bookbag. We have encouraged teachers to reduce the amount of required books and materials as much as possible.

6. Where will students be eating lunch?

- a. We have created an extra lunch wave to reduce student numbers in each lunch wave and provided individual, socially distanced seating. Students can eat outside (weather-permitting) or in the auditorium as more seating is needed. All seating will be socially distanced.

7. What will lunches be like?

- a. Lunches will be provided in the cafeteria, hot and cold options will be available each day.

8. What happens if my child forgets their charger for their Chromebook?

- a. We will have extra chargers, but students are encouraged to charge their ChromeBooks at home each night.

9. Is my child able to take the bus to and from school?

- a. If you can drive your child to and from school, we encourage you to do so to reduce exposure. Students will need to wear a mask on the bus and will be socially distanced as feasible.

10. What will the morning look like before classes begin?

- a. Students may not be dropped off at school until 7:30 a.m. or later. All middle school students will enter the school through the front gym doors and be directed into the gym to wait for dismissal to classes. Breakfast will be available in the gym area if desired. All high school students should enter through the front cafeteria doors and will wait in the cafeteria and designated hallways as assigned. Breakfast will be available in the cafeteria for high school students.

11. What safety protocols have been put in place at the school?

- a. When students arrive, they will see signs around the building reminding them about safety protocols such as mask-wearing, hand-washing, sanitizing, etc. All staff will be trained prior to the start of school and will remind students of and encourage them to follow the safety protocols throughout the day.

12. What will the 1st day of school be like?

- a. The first day of school will follow a Monday schedule. "A" period will be extended to allow time for teachers and students to go over safety protocols, new schedules, and have a question and answer period to welcome our Pirates back into school to help them feel comfortable and safe.

13. What will dismissal be like?

- a. 7th grade students will be dismissed from their last class first, followed by 8th grade, then High School. All students should exit out the front of the school through the closest door to their classroom. Parents picking up students should not park in the circle (where school busses are located) and please be patient while waiting for high school students, who may be dismissed up to 3 minutes after middle school students.

14. How will passing time work in the hallways?

- a. All traffic will flow in one direction on each side of the hallways. Students will be monitored and encouraged to continue to move on to their next class without gathering or stopping.

15. How will bathroom use work?

- a. Middle School and High School students will use separate bathrooms with limits placed on how many students can be in each at any given time.

16. Will the school be clean and safe for my child?

- a. All Touch points, bathrooms, common areas, etc. will be sanitized and disinfected each evening. Desks and tables and other high frequency touch points will be cleaned and sanitized throughout the day and between classes as much as possible. We will be asking the student to aid us in keeping our school clean and healthy.

17. Will there be after school extra help, clubs, activities, sports, etc.?

- a. After school activities will be available as appropriate.

18. Will there be a late bus?

- a. There will be a late bus that runs on most Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and leaves the school at approximately 3:40 p.m. each day. This service will not be available at the beginning of the school year but will be available shortly after the start of school.

19. Can my child/children take part in extracurricular activities, including sports, if they are not in school?

- a. If they are attending their classes appropriately through distance learning they are considered present and would be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities including sports.

Academic Information

20. How will my child change for Physical Education?

- a. Since lockers rooms will not be available, students should wear appropriate clothing for gym class, and wear or bring sneakers. Physical Education classes will be held outside as much as possible.

21. What will classrooms be like?

- a. Classes have been arranged to accommodate various class sizes and allow for maximum social distancing, as feasible. Most classrooms have desks facing the same direction and extra furniture has been removed to allow for maximum distancing.

22. If I choose to have my student learn from home, what do I need to do?

- a. There is a PARISH HILL DISTANCE LEARNING OPTION FORM on the school website at www.parishhill.org

23. If I choose to have my student learn from home, what will that be like?

- a. Your student will need to log-in from home each day into all their classes and follow the regular schedule that all students in school will follow. Teachers will use Google Classroom or other online resources/platforms to give assignments.

24. How will attendance work?

- a. If your child is ill, has a fever or any symptoms of COVID-19, they should stay home. The parent/guardian should call the school and speak to the school nurse. Attendance will be taken in all classes, both in-person and for students on distance-learning. Distance learning students must sign in and participate in their class at the proper times (according to the school schedule) to be considered present for the class.

25. How will grading work?

- a. Grading will remain the same as in past year's for all students. Students are given a numerical grade throughout the quarter, which then translates to an alphabetical grade on their report card or interim report. Parents are encouraged to check Powerschool frequently to monitor their child's progress. Interim reports and Report Cards will be mailed each quarter.

Health Information

26. What will happen if someone at the school tests positive for COVID-19?

- a. The Eastern Highlands Health District will be contacted directly and a contact-tracing investigation will take place. Based on guidance from the health district, parents/staff will be given an up to date plan of action.

27. Will temperature checks be taken each day?

- a. Per our guidance from the Eastern Highlands Health District temperatures will not be taken each day at school. Instead parents/students/staff should perform a screening each day for COVID-19 signs/symptoms. Please use the Daily Screening Protocol supplied by the Eastern Highlands Health District that is located on our school website.