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Dear Chesterfield Elementary School Community,

Happy Thursday! I want to start off by thanking all parents for your cooperation and understanding as we continue to work together to ensure the health and safety of our school. Keeping your child home if they are not feeling well is critical to our ability to remain open for in-person instruction.

After more than a month of monitoring our arrival procedures, we have determined we are able to make a shift in arrival times to shorten the arrival window while also maintaining all health and safety protocols. Currently we are using three arrival times based on last name. We have found over the last month that we have very few students who arrive to school between 8:50 and 9:00 AM. As a result, we are altering our arrival times to have all students safely in the building by 8:50 AM. Starting Monday, December 7th, arrival times are as follows:

Student Group	Arrival Time
Last Name starts with the letter A-M	8:35 AM
Last Name starts with the letter N-Z	8:43 AM

As a reminder, I have included our arrival guidelines below.

Arrival Times

- **NO** student (except bus students) should arrive at school prior to 8:35 AM. This is critical to ensure students and adults are not standing in groups outside of the building prior to the opening of school. There is limited physical space outside of the building.
- Parents/students are asked to know their travel route to school and know the time necessary to travel to the building to avoid the possibility of students standing outside of the building prior to the opening of school.
- Parents/students are asked to adhere to the arrival times listed below to avoid the possibility of students standing in groups or in a line outside of the building.
- The arrival plan is focused on allowing students to immediately enter the building upon arrival at school at the appropriate, scheduled time.

Bus Students

- The students who will be transported to school via a bus will be our first students to arrive at school each day.
- Bus students are expected to arrive at school at 8:30 AM and buses will immediately be unloaded one bus at a time with students entering the building using the appropriate student entrance as outlined above.
- Cohort A Bus Students – Monday and Thursday
- Cohort B Bus Students – Tuesday and Friday

Parents Dropping Off by Car at Arrival

- The district will continue to use the staff parking lot on the south side of the building for parent drop off.
- We will use the entire length of the sidewalk from the trash/recycling area to the guard shack at the front of the lot for drop off.
- After exiting the vehicle on the sidewalk side, all students will walk on the sidewalk toward the front of the school to the appropriate entrance.
- Parents should drop-off their child according to the drop-off times listed above.
- All students should be dropped off on the passenger side of vehicles, so that no students ever need to be walking on the asphalt.
- Parents may use the bus lane along Saddle Way as a student drop off location only after all buses have left the drop off lane. This includes our six 54 passenger buses and our one 25 passenger bus. **IF YOU SEE A BUS OF ANY SIZE IN THE BUS LANE ANYWHERE ALONG SADDLE WAY, DO NOT ENTER THE BUS LANE.** All of our buses typically depart the bus lane by 8:40 AM.
- If at any time there is a line waiting to drop off along Saddle Way, parents will be asked to drive into the staff parking lot and drop off along the sidewalk in the staff parking lot to avoid a backup on the circle.

Go Guardian

Over the last few weeks several teachers have been piloting Go Guardian. Go Guardian is a filtering and monitoring tool for our student devices. The tool helps teachers monitor students while working on their device and also allows the teacher to provide support to individual students when needed. As a result of the positive feedback we've received from teachers who are currently using Go Guardian, more teachers are being trained and using this tool. Go Guardian only functions when students are using a district account or a district device. Be assured, we do not have any settings in place that would compromise a personal device or personal account. If your child currently uses a personal device at home, and you would like to use a district device to take advantage of Go Guardian, district-owned devices are available for students to use at home. If you need to borrow a district-owned Chromebook, please contact Mrs. Buscarnera in the main office at (609) 298-6900 x1210 or at sbuscarnera@chesterfieldschool.com.

I am pleased to report that all grade levels now offer students the option to learn remotely, even in our fully in-person classes in grades K and 1. We ask parents to take advantage of this option if your child is not feeling well. We ask that parents use extreme caution and keep your child home if they don't feel well. This keeps our building safe for our students and staff. However, we also ask that parents don't abuse this option. Please notify your child's teacher if your child is in one of our in-person instructional models and will be learning remotely on a specific day due to illness. Notifying your child's teacher is important so the teacher can properly adjust instruction as needed.

Below is the COVID-19 Weekly Health Report.

COVID-19 Weekly Health Report

Week of.....	# of Positive Cases in School	# of Students/Staff Sent Home Due to Symptoms	# of Students/Staff Quarantined & Why	# of Incidents of Non-Compliance
Sept. 28 th	0	0	0	0
Oct. 5 th	0	1 student	2 students (symptomatic) 1 staff (close contact)	0
Oct. 12 th	0	1 student 2 staff	1 staff (close contact) 2 staff (symptomatic)	0
Oct. 19 th	0	0	0	0
Oct. 26 th	0	0	1 staff (close contact)	0
Nov. 2 nd	0	1 student	1 student (close contact) 1 staff (close contact)	0
Nov. 9 th	0	1 student	1 student (close contact) 1 student (symptomatic) 4 students (travel) 1 staff (close contact) 2 staff (travel)	0
Nov. 16 th	1 (remote)	0	1 student (close contact) 2 students (symptomatic) 4 students (travel) 2 staff (travel) 2 staff (close contact)	0
Nov. 23 rd	3 (1 staff/2 students)	3 staff	2 classes (excluded/pending test results) 2 classes (positive case) 1 student (close contact) 3 staff (close contact)	0
Nov. 30 th	3 (From Nov. 23 rd)	1 staff	1 class (excluded/symptomatic) 6 students (close contact) 6 students (symptomatic) 1 staff (close contact) 1 staff (excluded/pending test results) 1 staff (symptomatic) 1 staff (travel)	0

Sincerely,

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