

WCS families, we continue to thank you for all of your patience as we work through the mandates and look to give our students the best education that we possibly can. The goal remains to reopen school fully as soon as the Covid metrics allow us to do so. As soon as those numbers allow, we will be excitedly welcoming all WCS students, grades K-8, back to full day, five-day weeks here at the WCS campus. We are thanking families for staying flexible as we look at numbers every single day and prepare our staff for all possibilities.



Below is a comprehensive list of the many changes you and your student may see as we begin the school year on Wednesday, September 2nd. Thank you for taking the time to read through these items, and feel free to send any questions our way. We are happy to clarify your questions before school begins to assuage any fears or doubts that may be lingering. We thank you for remembering that we are bound by the guidelines mandated by the Governor and the Oregon Department of Education as we look to serve our families the best we can.

Important Calendar Updates

- We are starting school on Wednesday, September 2nd. We know this differs from many other schools in the area, but we'd like a headstart on getting students back into the classroom and learning procedures.
- Monday, September 7th is Labor Day and a no-school day.
- Back to School Night on Tuesday, September 1st will have an amended schedule for dropping off supplies in the classroom.

Updates to Building and Sanitation

- Additional cleaning protocols will be put into place throughout the day, per ODE guidelines.
- Contactless thermometers purchased for each classroom and the front office.
- Appropriate social distancing, spacing, and sneeze guard barriers will be applied to all classrooms.
- Students must be sent to school with a mask. This mask must be school appropriate. The mask should not contain words or phrases, and any mask design should not be scary, distracting, or otherwise inappropriate for a school setting.
- A sick room has been established in the front office for immediate parent pick up if a student develops a fever of 100 degrees or higher.
- Parents needing to conduct business with Jennie Ranch in the office will need to ring the doorbell and use the Plexiglass window. The front office doors will remain locked to abide by ODE health guidelines.

- The Incredible Cleaning Company will be used to sanitize the whole school facility prior to the September 2nd start date and regularly throughout the school year on top of daily janitorial sanitizing.
- Every classroom will have a hand sanitizing station at each entrance and exit.

Updated Procedures

- Academic lockers will not be used by middle school students.
- Middle school students will not be dressing down for PE. They should wear shoes appropriate for movement outside on their scheduled cohort day.
- Per state guidelines, health screening will be required at the beginning of the day.
- Students in grades 4-8 will be assigned a cohort with no more than 10 students to abide by the guidelines set by the ODE.
- PE for grades K-8 will be held outside. In the case of inclement weather, K-3 students will participate in the gym while 4-8 students will utilize the east breezeway.
- One-way traffic flow will be established where possible for all travel paths, including entrances and exits.
- Hot lunch will not be offered while the distance learning procedures are in effect.
- K-3 students will eat lunch in the lunchroom in their cohorts and respecting distance guidelines set by the ODE.
- Lunchtime will not be included in the shortened daily schedule for 4-8th grade students.
- More information regarding before and after care to be posted later.
- Grades K-4 parents will drop off their students from the classroom exterior doors.
- Pick up details for K-3 TBD.
- Grade 5 parents will drop off and pick up from the east breezeway.
- Grades 6-8 parents will drop off and pick up their students from the south end exterior door (back parking lot)
- Music will be offered to K-3 students during their school day. 4-8th grade students will have the option to sign up for small cohort music tutoring with Mr. Dinsfriend on Fridays.
- All 4-8th grade teachers will have office hours on Fridays 9-2. Your student can sign up for 30-minute individual tutoring sessions either in-person or through a Zoom conference link with the individual teacher.
- All students will be outside as much as possible. Please ensure that your student wears layers and a coat appropriate for being outside.

Updated Schedule: K-3

- K-3 students will attend on-site school from 8:20-3:20 Monday-Thursday. We will continue with the early-release Friday schedule of 8:20-2:30.
- Extra breaks and hand sanitizing times will be built into the schedule.
- K-3 students will be attending a weekly chapel in their classrooms to minimize cohort mixing.

Updated Schedule: 4-8

- 6-8th grade students will be divided into an A cohort or a B cohort that will solely depend on their leveled math instruction. For our school to continue to serve each student at the place where they need it, this is imperative to our scheduling and cannot be shifted.

- 4-5th grade students will be divided into an A cohort and a B cohort. To limit the strain on families dropping off their kids, students who have an older sibling in the middle school have already been assigned to a cohort that will meet on the same day.
- Cohorts cannot exceed 10 students, and we appreciate your understanding and flexibility.
- 4-5th grade students that would normally qualify for a “move-up” math session will instead receive differentiated on-level instruction in their own classroom. Ms. Ziegenbein, Mr. Mann, and Mrs. Mitchell will work closely together to ensure that advanced math students receive appropriate instruction.
- “A” cohort will meet for in-person tutoring in all subjects from 8:20-11:20 Mondays and Wednesdays.
- “B” cohort will meet for in-person tutoring in all subjects from 8:20-11:20 Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Students will receive work to complete at home. This may include some interaction with Google Classroom, but it will not heavily rely on that platform. Please see your student’s teachers’ individual syllabi on Back to School Night for more information.
- 4-8th grade students will have the opportunity to attend a weekly zoom worship chapel on Fridays.
- As soon as the metrics allow, the 4-8th grade students will join the K-3 students in the normal Monday-Thursday hours of 8:20-3:20 and Friday early-release schedule of 8:20-2:30. We will communicate with families when to expect that change to happen.

Thank you families so much for your support, communication, and patience! We are praying for the start of our school year to flow smoothly.

Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Stevens