



Hello, SCPA Families:

We will welcome students back from spring break on Wednesday, March 31. While most families have chosen to send their student(s) back to 5 days in-person learning, others have decided to remain remote. We respect the decision that is best for your student and family. Parents will need to commit to this decision for the entire quarter. We are looking forward to providing in-person instruction and will do our best to support our asynchronous/independent learners via Schoology.

The following information will provide our families guidance in preparing for either option:

Safety Protocols

We are not able to achieve 6ft social distancing within our classrooms or common areas once all students who previously were separated by groups return together. We are striving for up to 3ft of social distancing. The continuation of 6ft distances will occur if small class sizes permit. We have been revisiting and communicating our safety protocols during this last week of blended instruction with each group.

All staff, students, and approved visitors must follow our building safety protocols. Please refer to previous communication for a detailed list. A few reminders of these routines are as follows:

- Checking temperature upon entering the building
- Wearing of a cloth mask over the nose and mouth at all times
- If visiting, checking in at the security desk before heading to the front office, or other approved locations
- Social distancing and use the designated directional paths as you move throughout the building
- Sanitizing hands upon entrance into the classroom
- Wiping down all high-touch surfaces (i.e. desks, tables and chairs) each class period
- Using plastic barriers during lunch or snack to accommodate eating and lowering of mask

Logistical and Operational Information

All student arrival and dismissal as well as parent drop-off and pick-up plans remain the same. School begins for students in grades 7-12 at 8:30 a.m. Students in grades 7-12 only are permitted in the building at 8:00 a.m. School begins students in grades K-6 at 9:20 a.m. Students in grades K-6 are permitted in the building at 8:50 a.m.

- Breakfast will continue to be held inside the classrooms
- Lunch will occur in various locations throughout the building (cafeteria, multi-purpose room, urban curve, gymnasium, outside (weather permitted))

Supplies and Personal Belongings

Laptop devices will still be required daily. Students should charge devices each night and bring laptop or iPad charging cords each day.

It is important students do not pack unnecessary items in their backpacks. **We will not be issuing lockers during the 4th quarter.** Most of our student textbooks are digital and, therefore, do not require students to carry hardbacks. Please assist with organizing backpacks in preparation for return to 5 days of in-person learning.

Students in the instrumental music and dance departments have the opportunity to be assigned a locker if they haven't already been assigned one.

Additional Reminders

It's been such a long time since we've had all students in the building at one time. Some of our normal expectations have been relaxed during blended learning. As we prepare state testing, and accelerating learning, the following reminders about dress code and electronic devices

Dress Code – Please reacquaint yourselves with the dress code policy.

Students are expected to dress appropriately at all times. Any clothing/make-up (including footwear, accessories, etc.) that is distracting, offensive, unsafe, or could be considered distracting, offensive, or unsafe is prohibited. An example of such prohibited items follows:

- Clothing that leaves the back, belly, breasts, behind and/or undergarments completely or partially exposed.
- Clothing that is transparent or too thin to provide appropriate coverage.
- Clothing worn in a way that leaves undergarments visible at any time (sitting, standing, reaching, etc.).
- Clothing that depicts, promotes, advertises, or glorifies alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or their use.
- Clothing that is gang related or could be perceived as such.
- Clothing with diagrams, pictures, words, etc. that are vulgar, derogatory, or sexually suggestive.
- Clothing with any type (words, pictures, etc.) of message that may be seen as offensive to members of a certain group (such as a race, gender, religion, creed, or sexual orientation).
- Clothing worn on the head while in the building (including do-rags, hats, bonnets, and bandanas, but with obvious exceptions for religious or medical reasons).
- Chains and other accessories that could be used or considered as a weapon.
- Clothing that prevents a student from walking, or sitting properly.
- Coats, hats, jackets, blankets, sleepwear and other outerwear. These items should be left in lockers. They are not to be brought to class unless there is an unusual circumstance for which the teacher has given permission to do so. **(Coats, jackets and other outerwear will be allowed during 4th quarter of 2021 due to no locker usage)**

Electronic Devices

SCPA does not encourage students to bring electronic devices or toys to school due to the risk of loss or damage. If students choose to do so, they assume responsibility for such occurrences. The school is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged electronic devices or other personal property. Lasers are prohibited. The student also agrees to the following procedures for the use of these items below.

Cell phones and other communication devices must be turned OFF and out of sight from the time students enter the building until the end of the school day **unless the students are given specific direction from a teacher to use devices during class for academic/informational purposes related to the teacher's lesson.** Cell phones are not permitted during a student's attendance of or participation in any school function. Please note that "off" and "silent" are not the same. **Cell phones are only permitted to be used at lunch time.** They are never to be used in the hallways, stairwells, or restrooms. Students who need to communicate with home during the school day should get permission from a teacher to use the classroom phone or ask the teacher to sign a pass to the office to make a call. Likewise, parents should not expect their students to receive or respond to calls or text messages outside of the lunch period. Parents who need to get a message to their child before school is out should call the school (363-8000) and leave a message to be delivered to the student. In the rare circumstance that a student needs to have their phone on during the school day, they need to get written permission to do so from a principal before reporting to class.

In closing, thank you for entrusting our staff with your student(s) during these unprecedented times. We've endured together and exercised grace, forgiveness, and understanding. We are not out of the woods yet, but things are progressing. I ask for your continued support during this final quarter of instruction. Please continue to read all communication and respond accordingly to any actionable items that pertain to you and your student(s). We are still all in this together!

Sincerely,

Principal Owens