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Good Evening Eagle Families,

As we begin this new journey, I wanted to begin to share information on some of the changes our traditional (brick and mortar) students will experience. I know how important that it is for students to feel comfortable on the first day of school and to have some background knowledge for the first day so I will be putting together a video that I will ask families to watch together. Usually, we focus upon familiarizing only our freshman and new students in an orientation, however, this year we need to educate all of our students and families to our new way of learning. The video will go over arrival to school, coming into the building, getting around campus, breakfast and lunch, dismissal, and other items to help acclimate our students into the new school year. The video will be coming to you mid next week.

I hope the video will help ease any concerns our students and families may have coming back to traditional learning. I know it isn't the same as in person however I feel it will give students some background information before they head into their 1st day of school.

Here are some topics which may look differently this year:

- All meetings with families will be held virtually.
- Unfortunately, we cannot allow visitors or guests on our campus.
- Mentor meetings will be held virtually.
- Students may not arrive earlier than 30 minutes prior to the bell for first period (arrival after 6:55 AM).
- No lockers will be assigned as we cannot allow students to congregate in the hallways – students will be allowed to carry a back pack this year. We will not have lockers due to them being so close together and not being able to socially distance students while being at their locker.
- Lunch will be at the end of the day – students may have breakfast (free) upon arriving to school and between morning classes. They will have a slightly longer extended nutritional break between 3rd and 4th periods (bell schedule on our website). Students may leave immediately after 7th period or remain on campus for lunch. Buses will leave 30 minutes after the last bell.
- Masks – Parents, please partner with us in protecting our students and staff by reminding your students the wearing of masks is mandatory. Students will be expected to wear masks while on campus and riding their school bus. Students may be creative and wear any color mask or style, as long as it is school appropriate. Bandanas are not allowed per the student code of conduct but the neck gaiters are fine for students to wear. We will work with any student that does not want to comply with this expectation, just like we would with other expectation.
- There will be directional guidance in hallways and stairwells during passing.
- Club meetings will be held virtually.
- Material sharing will be limited.
- PCS health and well-being protocols will be implemented.
- For more information, please refer to the district's reopening plan <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/33569>

Our students and families who choose MyPCS online may expect a different experience. While the bell schedule is the same and they will also be attending their class schedule, they will be 100% online learning through Canvas.

- Each morning, students are expected to be present and engage in virtual instruction each day within the designated schedule (bell schedule on our website).
- All students will be expected to adhere to daily attendance guidelines, log in and attend class during the designated times. This differs from the flexibility to attend at any time during a 24-hour period and be counted present like they were during the 4th quarter of the 2019-20 school year.
- Students will access their curriculum and assignments via Canvas Learning Management System.
- Students will utilize Microsoft Teams for viewing live-lessons, meetings and small group instruction. No curriculum or assignments will be posted in Teams. Teams is just to be used as a virtual meeting/video tool.
- Students who need a device (laptop) will be issued one to engage in digital learning. Students will also be issued any associated materials such as textbooks, art supplies, musical instruments, and other necessary materials where possible. **We will be sending out more information on device and material pick up soon.**
- Students may belong to our clubs, sports teams, and take the standardized tests scheduled by the state and college board as they are still East Lake High students.
- For more information on MyPCS online please visit: <https://www.pcsb.org/domain/11706>

Schedule adjustments will be done by our school counselors who will officially be back on the 13th. *Schedules you see online are not complete or may not be accurate as the schedule is in flux.* For schedule adjustments; please email your counselor after the 18th and they will assist. If you are unsure of whom your school counselor is, please check our school website.

I realize this is a lot of information to process and you might have many follow up questions. Please, please be patient as we are receiving many emails. I will continue to send information that should answer many of your questions/concerns.

Thank you and have a great day!

Thank you and stay safe,
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Vision- 100% student success

Mission- The community of East Lake High School will develop productive and responsible students who are prepared for post-secondary education, the workforce and citizenship.