

2021-2022 START OF SCHOOL PLAN

In starting the school year, we are reminded of God's faithfulness to us over the past year. While the pandemic has certainly created many difficult challenges, we are indeed committed to the mission of *Educating and Cultivating Servants for Christ* and maintaining procedures that control the spread of COVID-19. We have been working closely with our team of biblically-based medical professionals to determine the best protocols and layered prevention strategies as we begin the school year.

Our desire is to have as much normalcy as possible for the sake of students while also preserving safety. However, as we craft this start of school plan, we are keenly aware that the landscape may change and adjustments will likely need to be made based on the safety of students and staff. There are two specific reasons the plan may be adapted over the course of the year:

- 1. If additional mandates or state orders are imposed on schools
- 2. If we begin to see community spread within the student body (This would include multiple outbreaks in different locations and the amount of contact that someone has with others within the school building)

These factors will be considered when determining if the CVCA plan needs to pivot. We are continuously monitoring our community to determine any adjustments to health protocols and programming that we deem necessary for the health of our students and staff (e.g., mandatory masks, changes to schedules, etc.). While we are excited to present the current plan, we all need to be prepared with flexibility and grace as we continue to walk with prudence through these times.

We are grateful for your ongoing support and prayers. As the CVCA community has so beautifully exhibited unity, boldness, and graciousness over the last 18 months, may God continue to use our interactions to reflect the Light of the world before men as we honor Christ in a time where it is so desperately needed.



MASKS

As we begin the school year, facial coverings for students or staff are not required. However, all students and staff are welcome to wear masks if so desired based on current guidelines.



VACCINATION

While CVCA is not requiring a vaccination, please be aware that the CDC does encourage COVID-19 vaccinations, and we recommend families learn more about the vaccine from their primary care physician.



REPORTING, CONTACT TRACING, and QUARANTINING

When CVCA is made aware of a positive COVID-19 case, we will report that case, as well as the close contacts to Summit County Public Health. Classrooms have been physically distanced to the fullest extent possible in order to limit quarantining and to reduce transmission risk.

- If a student is sick and exhibiting **any** symptoms, it is critical that the student stay home from school.
- If a student has tested positive for COVID-19, they will be asked to begin home isolation for 10 days.
- If a student has been directly exposed, they will be asked to quarantine for 7 days from exposure date.



ASYNCHRONOUS DISTANCE LEARNING

To remain mission-focused, CVCA highly values in-person and on-campus learning. Therefore, we are not providing a distance learning option for the 2021-2022 school year. However, lessons will be recorded *for confirmed COVID quarantine reasons only* and provided to students in an asynchronous format. Assignments are posted digitally in Canvas and teachers are available for student questions or concerns via email.



PHYSICAL DISTANCING

We encourage good hygiene and appropriate physical distancing. Classrooms are spaced to the fullest extent possible to maximize physical distancing and minimize potential exposure. The number of students in each class remains more limited than we have had traditionally to best maintain the recommended physical distance.

NOTE: We will do everything possible to avoid close contact; however, we cannot guarantee all quarantining will be prevented. Students are encouraged to be mindful of their physical distancing in hallways and open areas while on campus.



WELLNESS CHECK

Students and parents are expected to self-monitor for COVID symptoms on a daily basis prior to coming to school. If students have **any** COVID symptoms they need to stay home.

NOTE: CVCA will have a medical professional on-site every day. If symptoms present themselves during the school day students will be sent home.



LOCKERS

Students are assigned a locker which they can access throughout the school day. In order to keep good hygiene practices, students are not permitted to share lockers with one another. Students are encouraged to carry backpacks to limit the need to visit lockers and reduce congestion in the hallways.



CLEANING, SANITATION, and VENTILATION

We are continuing our significant efforts in cleaning and sanitation during the 2021-2022 school year. Thorough sanitizing and disinfection will be completed at the end of each day. As hand washing and sanitation are important in the prevention of COVID-19 spread, students and staff need to frequently wash hands for at least 20 seconds before eating, when hands are dirty, and before and after using the restroom. All classrooms and common spaces will have hand sanitizing stations available. Students will be encouraged to use them regularly.

Additionally, our enhanced HVAC/AC system cleaning and maintenance with new high-grade filters in all facilities has increased ventilation to bolster fresh air flow in classrooms and common spaces.



VISITORS

In an effort to reduce exposure from outside sources, visitors are limited in the building. All visitors should have a confirmed appointment prior to entering the building. Visitors arriving without an appointment may be asked to reschedule after making the appropriate arrangements.



HALLWAY DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

Students need to proceed directly from one class to the next during transition periods and are asked not to congregate in the hallways between classes. All hallways have been divided into directional lanes to preserve physical distance during passing periods.



DAILY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

The school day begins at 7:50 a.m. and ends at 2:50 p.m. A typical week consists of three traditional 8-period days on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday (45-minute classes) and two blocked days (71-minute classes).

- Late Start Wednesdays: We have returned to a weekly late start for ongoing teacher development. Late starts are each Wednesday. Classes commence at 9:22 a.m. While we hope students will use this additional time to rest and come late to campus, we do provide supervision for those who need to arrive early.
- Chapel Thursdays: Chapel is an important part of the spiritual life at CVCA as our community gathers to hear from God's Word and worship Him. Therefore, regular chapel services are planned for each Thursday.

Drop-off and Pick-up Times:

- Before School: Students may arrive at school as early as 7:15 a.m. Those arriving between 7:15–7:30 a.m. should arrive at the Royals Fieldhouse entrance. No other doors will be open before 7:30. If possible, students should arrive between 7:30–7:45 a.m. and proceed directly to their first class of the day. All entrances will be open to students at 7:30 a.m.
- Students should be dropped off at the following doors between 7:30–7:50 a.m.: Learning Commons, Chapel, and the Middle School Entrance. The main entrance is reserved for school bus drop-off.
- After School: For the safety of all students, it is critical that families pick up students as close to 2:50 p.m. as possible. If a student does not have an extracurricular practice, club meeting, or rehearsal, they are asked to leave campus. For thorough cleaning to occur, the building must be clear of students by 3:05 p.m. Between 2:50 and 3:05 p.m. students are encouraged to transition to their after-school practice or leave campus immediately. General supervision will not be provided after 2:50 p.m. Students involved in athletics, fine arts, and other after-school activities are under the supervision of coaches, sponsors, etc.