

Wildcat Families,

Good morning. I hope everyone is doing well! I know this message is lengthy, but I hope you find it helpful in answering some of your questions about how we are moving forward with the transition to the hybrid model with some students in-person and others online.

Schedule

By now, you have likely seen the message sent by Dr. Brabrand about the new return to school timeline, which can be [found here](#). We have a small number of in-person students returning in February; however, most of our students who selected in-person learning will return on the following dates and schedule below.

- March 2 - Grades 9 & 12
- March 9 - Grades 10 & 11

	Tuesday A Day Schedule	Wednesday B Day Schedule	Thursday A Day Schedule	Friday B Day Schedule
Last Name A - K	In-person	In-person	Online	Online
Last Name L - Z	Online	Online	In-person	In-person
Full-time Online	Online	Online	Online	Online

The return to in-person learning is only for those students who chose to be in-person. Those students who selected virtual learning for the year will remain online four days per week. Mondays will remain an asynchronous learning day for all students.

We will be starting a new bell schedule on February 16th. The bell schedule is posted on the school website and can be [found here](#). The new bell schedule applies to all classes both virtual and in-person. Please be sure to note the change in both the class times and the start and end time each day. This schedule adjustment is being made at all high schools in FCPS.

Instruction

Beginning March 2nd, the vast majority of our classes will be conducted using concurrent instruction in which in-person students receive two days of teacher-led instruction in the school building and two days of teacher-led instruction at home. Often, virtual students and in-person students will be in the same class. Concurrent instruction is necessary for several reasons, but perhaps most notably, is the ability to minimize student schedule changes. Given that we will be well into the third quarter by March 2nd, we want to have as few schedule changes as possible. More information about concurrent instruction can be found [at this link](#). Again, virtual students will remain online four days per week.

In some instances, the teacher will remain virtual for the remainder of the year. In this case, classroom monitors have been hired to provide in-person classroom assistance for students the days they are in the building. The teacher will continue to lead the class and handle all teaching

responsibilities including grading. The monitor will assist the teacher and provide in-person guidance and supervision.

Health & Safety

We will all be focused on staying safe during in-person learning. It is critical that students adhere to safety protocols. We will provide safety and mitigation strategy information and reminders to students through a video overview leading up to the return. More information about health and safety can also be [found here](#). We will continually revisit and remind students about the key mitigation strategies so that we can stop the spread of the virus.

It is important that parents of in-person students complete the [Parent/Guardian Health Screening Commitment form](#) in ParentVue and conduct the health screening questions each day. If students are ill, need to quarantine, or have any COVID like symptoms, they should stay home. In these instances, students can access the virtual class from home if they are able. Parents should report any absences to the attendance line.

Lunches, Lockers, and Laptops

Grab and go lunches will be available free of charge each day in the cafeteria. We will have four 30 minute lunch shifts with about 150 students in each lunch. Students will be socially distanced in the cafeteria and can remove their mask while eating. Students will be able to talk casually with the students seated near them; however, they will not be able to travel about the cafeteria during lunch like usual.

We will not be using lockers this year. Students will need to use their backpack for belongings, and they will need to bring their charged laptop, charger, and headphones each day. Students should also bring a water bottle that can be refilled throughout the day. In addition, students will not be changing their clothes for physical education class at this point.

Orientations

We will be conducting orientation type activities for in-person students during the week they return. Some of the orientation information shared will also be important for virtual students, so they will receive the information as well. It's important to keep in mind that on each day of in-person learning, we will only have about 550 students in the building, which is far less than the normal 2,500. The building will be much less crowded, and students will have plenty of space and time to navigate the building and find their classes in a stress free manner. Please rest assured that staff members will be present in the hallways to assist freshmen and any new students as they learn the building. Finally, orientation information including introductions of key staff members and a student created video tour are accessible to students at the [CVHS Student Site](#) (students must access the site through their fcpsschools.net account).

Transportation

Bus routes are being developed and more information will be shared when routes are completed and available for students and parents to view in your SIS account. Parking will be available to student drivers and registration information can be found at [this link](#).

Upcoming Town Hall

We have been planning for the return to in-person learning for some time, and we will be ready to welcome our students back to the building while also continuing to meet the needs of the virtual students. There will certainly be challenges to overcome, and we appreciate your ongoing partnership and flexibility as we work toward success in this next phase of learning.

We will be hosting a virtual CVHS Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, February 17th, from 6:30 - 7:30 to share any updates and answer questions. The link will be sent the day of the meeting, and the session will also be recorded and shared on the website.

Thank you for your ongoing collaboration. We will continue to share updates. Don't hesitate to reach out to the main office or the administration with any questions.

Sincerely,

Chad Lehman
Principal