

Hello Parents and Families,

I hope everyone is enjoying this break, it is hard to believe it is almost over!

I haven't wanted to bombard you with weekly emails with every changing logistics due to COVID-19, instead I am trying to send you emails with concrete plans that will happen this school year at TIDE.

On August 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-1:00 we will be doing a fix-up day at TIDE. Any families that would like to come help we would love that! We will be planting, painting, and building a few things for the new year. Anyone who is handy, or even not that handy is welcome to come! Please RSVP to me.

On August 31<sup>st</sup> we ask that each family stop by the school between 8:00-12:00 to collect their child's workbooks, textbooks, and school supplies. All supplies are included in this year's tuition, additionally we want to remind parents that these supplies and books need to come to school every day as students will not be able to share supplies this year. On Monday, students will also be able to come and familiarize themselves with their classroom, teachers, and protocols we are putting in place this year.

We are still planning to open school with physical classes September 1<sup>st</sup>. Classes will go from 8:00-2:30 starting September 1<sup>st</sup>. In order to do this, we have to follow the Ministry of Health protocols like all businesses at this time. This includes washing hands before entering the building, wearing masks or face shields while indoors, and regularly disinfecting highly used services and areas. Additionally, we will be taking the precautionary measure in taking each student's temperature before entering the building and we ask if any student does not feel well, they do not come to school. I will be adding a link on our website with all the COVID-19 protocols over the next couple of weeks.

I also wanted to share with you some new developments we have in our curriculum. All grades 6<sup>th</sup> and up will be completing their Community Internship and Civics credits with real world experience. We will be partnering with several community programs in the area that are allowing our students to help, create, and assist with. The programs will include helping with community gardens, feeding communities, helping animals, and keeping our oceans clean. Each class will be off campus one day a week with their teacher to complete these Social Studies requirements. We also will be offering our high school students the opportunity to take online college courses with the support of our teachers during the elective time.

Some other information and changes I want to share with you all:

- Students will not be required to wear uniforms this year, however we ask that all students respect the dress code in wearing appropriate clothes while at school.

- We have limited our school population to less than 50% of the building's capacity in order to meet the Ministry of Health standards
- Students will stay in one classroom per day, with the correct social distance space between each student.
- We will be staggering the start time for different grades, to limit flow in and out of the building, additionally we are dividing the school into different areas, so students do not socialize with the entire school population.

Start times:

K-5- 8:00 start time, please arrive 10 minutes before start time

6-8- 8:15 start time, please arrive 10 minutes before start time

9-12- 8:20 start time, please arrive 10 minutes before start time

We understand that these are still unknowing times, and like in March, we could have to return to learning online. We are prepared for this change and will be doing the following if we need to make that transition:

- 40-minute subject Zoom classes will be offered between 8:00-11:00, with extra help after each class for students who need it.
- From 12:00-2:30 depending on class sizes, students will be scheduled a combination of one-on-one time with teachers and electives.
- All emails about online work will be sent in one email per week from either myself or Adam.
- Work packets will be available to be picked up at school in case students do not have access to internet or devices.
- Students will have the ability to meet with teachers one-on-one

If you have not already, please reminder to fill-out the online application found on our website for the 2020-2021 school year and contact Sandra about any payments or documents due.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate in contacting me. I will be at the school every week this month preparing the classrooms, supplies, and building for the upcoming year. I look forward in seeing you all very soon!

Cheers  
Chelsea

