



Dear HCA Parents,

We are excited to officially announce that our campus will be open for orientation on August 5th, with classes starting in-person on August 6th. Our teachers and administration have been working very hard to prepare for the upcoming school year and we cannot wait for our halls to be filled with our students again. We have missed them terribly and want to make their return to campus as normal as possible. We want the focus of your child's return to school to be seeing their friends again, the excitement of starting a new grade, and the return to a level of normalcy that we have all missed!

Our administration has closely followed the progression of the CDC's recommendations for reopening schools over the past several months to make sure we open in the safest, but most practical way possible. Disruption to typical classroom routines will be minimized to the greatest extent possible in order to support student and faculty socio-emotional health, as well as best practices for instruction. HCA recognizes that parents and faculty both play an important role in helping children make sense of what they hear in a way that is honest, accurate and minimizes anxiety or fear. [HCA's Health & Safety Plan](#) outlines the policies that will be implemented to reduce the likelihood of the transmission of germs. Such policies include promotion of healthy hygiene practices, intensified cleaning, physical distancing when practical, and a comprehensive plan for students and faculty who become sick, are exposed to COVID-19, and/or test positive for COVID-19. Teachers and students are in close contact for much of the day, and schools can become a place where respiratory diseases like COVID-19 can quickly spread. Our goal is to protect our faculty, students and families by practicing and promoting healthy habits, while still embracing the sense of normalcy and community that makes our school so special.

We will implement many new safety procedures, such as taking the temperature of all faculty, staff, and students daily as they enter the building, using newly purchased hand sanitizer stations, and limiting the number of students in certain areas with proper distancing. Detailed procedures will be forthcoming. The wearing of masks by students and faculty will be optional, but not required. We acknowledge the potential benefit of utilizing masks to prevent the spread of disease, and any student, visitor or faculty member is welcomed to use this safety precaution if they desire to do so. If you have any concerns regarding how the policies outlined in the Health & Safety Plan will impact your family, please reach out to [Dr. Thomas](#) (middle and high school) or [Mrs. Jones](#) (elementary).

Our administration will continue to monitor and consider any new guidance provided by the CDC. Any policy changes that impact our school will be communicated to applicable faculty, students and families as soon as possible.

Thank you for entrusting your children to our care as we are providing excellence in Christ-centered education as an extension of your Christian home. Please continue to lift the school up in prayer.

In Christ,

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