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TRADITIONAL ACADEMY

September 3, 2020

Hello Freedom Traditional Academy Families,

The district has now announced that school reopening dates for in person students is September 14th for grades K-4 and September 21st for grades 5-8. This letter is to provide you with some important information to prepare for this change.

Chromebooks/Devices and Supplies

All students will need to continue to bring their Chromebooks **charged** each day to school and take them home each night. Any students who selected to use their own personal devices can bring them each day to use. **It is very important that students do not forget their device as there won't be any chromebooks available for use on campus.** Those in need of checking out a Chromebook should contact homeroom teachers to notify them so that a device can be prepared for use. Please sign the appropriate paperwork in advance of the return-to-school date. Let us know by **Wednesday, September 9th.**

Students will not be using shared supplies this year. Please check the supply lists on our website for recommended supplies by grade. Students will need to **bring a water bottle** as we have water bottle filling stations onsite, but water fountains cannot be used.

Safety Procedures/Masks

All students and staff will be required to wear **masks** throughout the day except at lunch, recess, and mask breaks outside. Our recommendation is to practice this at home prior to coming back to school, especially at the younger grades. No one will be allowed to be on school property without wearing masks. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

In addition to masks, we will also be regularly cleaning and disinfecting, especially on high touch surfaces. Hand sanitizer stations or sinks for washing hands will be readily available.

We are asking parents to screen their children for symptoms before school, and keep children home if they exhibit specific symptoms. We will also have temperature checks that will be done daily on both staff and students.

Arrival Procedures - Kindergarten and 1st Grade Students with Siblings

- Campus will open at 7:55 AM. Students should **NOT** be dropped off early, unless they are attending a school activity or tutoring. There is **NO** supervision prior to this time.
- Kinder and 1st grade students with their siblings will arrive at the **back of the school building.**
 - When entering the parking lot, turn right off of 151st Drive.
 - When exiting the parking lot, continue straight on Paradise Lane. This will prevent left hand turns and unnecessary back-ups.
- There will be staff there to greet your little ones and get them to class.
- When exiting a vehicle, all students must exit on the passenger side of the vehicle.



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Arrival Procedures - Kindergarten and 1st Grade Students with Siblings (Cont'd)

- Drivers are to **REMAIN** in the vehicle at all times. DO NOT park and leave your vehicle at any time. Anyone who needs extended time needs to park.
- Staff members will ask all vehicles to unload, to avoid unnecessary back-up.
- Please make sure students are wearing their masks as they exit vehicles.
- If you are walking your child to the doors, please park in an actual parking spot in the back parking lot. Students will **not** be allowed to cross the crosswalk without an adult escort. Please make sure the adult and student are wearing masks.
- Students will then either go directly to breakfast (if desired) or straight to class.
- See the map below for reference.

Dismissal Procedures - Kindergarten and 1st Grade Students with Siblings

- Grades will be dismissed slightly staggered to improve social distancing.
- Kinder and 1st grade students with their siblings will dismiss at the **back of the school building**.
 - When entering the parking lot, turn right off of 151st Drive.
 - When exiting the parking lot, continue straight on Paradise Lane. This will prevent left hand turns and unnecessary back-ups.
- All Kinder through 4th grade students being picked up will be provided a sign with their first and last name, grade, and teacher. In this way we can call for students and increase the speed of the pick-up process. **Please have this information clearly displayed on dashboards to speed up the dismissal process.**
- Students will be waiting in designated spaces in the area with their teachers.
- Students will be expected to listen for their name to be called, and watch for their vehicle.
- Teachers will also be stationed at numbered cones along the drive, where vehicles will be pulling up.
- You will be directed to pull up to a cone in a single line, as the line moves forward.
- Drivers are to **REMAIN** in the vehicle at all times. DO NOT park and leave your vehicle at any time.
- Students will be entering the vehicle on the passenger side ONLY.
- See the map below for reference.

KINDERGARTEN AND 1ST GRADE (with siblings) ARRIVAL/PICK UP MAP





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Arrival Procedures - 2nd through 8th grade Students

- Campus will open at 7:55 AM. Students should **NOT** be dropped off early, unless they are attending a school activity or tutoring. There is **NO** supervision prior to this time.
- There is only one lane to drop off and pick up students.
 - Vehicles need to **ENTER** the parking lot traveling **South** off of Parkview Place. This prevents left hand turns into the parking lot and unnecessary back-up.
 - Vehicles need to **EXIT** the parking lot traveling **South** onto Parkview Place. **NO** left hand turns onto Parkview Place will be allowed.
- 2nd through 8th grade students will arrive at the front of the building and enter through the main gate. Students will then either go directly to breakfast (if desired) or straight to class.
- When exiting a vehicle, all students must exit on the passenger side of the vehicle.
- Drivers are to **REMAIN** in the vehicle at all times.
- If you walk your child to the gate, please park in an actual parking spot in the back parking lot. Please make sure the adult and student are wearing masks.
- Parking and/or unloading will not be permitted at the district office parking lot. This area does not have safe crossings or reasonable visibility for pedestrian students.
- Students will **not** be allowed to cross the crosswalk without an adult escort.
- Students **may not** be dropped off in the parking lot.
- Vehicles are not allowed to park on the curb. Anyone who needs extended time needs to park. Staff members will ask all vehicles to unload, to avoid unnecessary back-up.
- Please make sure students are wearing their masks as they exit vehicles.
- Scooters and skateboards are to be walked at all times on school property and should be locked in the bike rack. The school is not responsible for stolen property.

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Dismissal Procedures - 2nd through 8th Grade Students (Cont'd)

- There will be designated areas for 2nd through 8th grade, identified by signs in the front of the school. Teachers will be supervising the students by each sign.
 - Students will be expected to listen for their name to be called, and watch for their vehicle in the front drive.
- Teachers will also be stationed at numbered cones along the drive, where vehicles will be pulling up.
- You will be directed to pull up to a cone in a single line, as the line moves forward.
- Drivers are to **REMAIN** in the vehicle at all times. **DO NOT** park and leave your vehicle at any time.
- Students will be entering the vehicle on the passenger side **ONLY**.
- Parking and/or loading will not be permitted at the district office parking lot. This area does not have safe crossings or reasonable visibility for pedestrian students.
- Students are not allowed to be picked up in the parking lot as they will **not** be allowed to cross the crosswalk without an adult escort.
- See the map below for reference.

2ND - 8TH GRADE ARRIVAL/PICK UP MAP





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Visitors

Due to the current situation with Covid-19 and minimizing exposures, no visitors are allowed on campus for lunch or for any other reason. **This will include the first day of in-person learning.**

Younger Students Lunches/Special Notes

Please practice run-throughs with lunches for younger students. Do not pack items that they are unable to open themselves. Items to consider for practice would be juice pouches, containers with difficult lids, yogurts with places to tear, and the like. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

As always, we thank you for your continued support. We are excited to have the students returning and look forward to seeing them soon! Please don't ever hesitate to reach out if you have any questions at connie.wolford@dysart.org.

Sincerely,

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