



SINGAPORE AMERICAN SCHOOL

A TRADITION OF INNOVATION

Dear Parents,

I hope you are doing well and that your family has been able to rest and recharge this summer. It's hard to believe that school will begin again in just over two weeks! Our school leaders are back on campus, deep in planning to welcome your children back to school at the beginning of August. We are excited to see them again and feel their energy on campus as we kick the year off.

I want to share with you our schedule for the start of the school year as well as information on bus transportation and sports camp opportunities. Early next week, we will share with you detailed information about the health and safety precautions we will be taking in the coming year. We will need everyone's help and active participation to ensure the health and safety of our community. We will also share information about topics such as teacher placement, uniform sales, campus access, and SASCards.

We know that clear, timely communication is vital to families at all times and especially now, given the rapidly changing nature of COVID-19. We will share messages regularly moving forward and will send our first eNews of the year on Friday, July 24. We welcome [your feedback](#) on the quality and usefulness of our messages and where we can improve.

There are several time-sensitive items shared below:

First Week of School

In order to ensure a smooth start to the school year and be able to carefully practice new safety routines, we will welcome students to campus in phases during the first week. See the table below for detailed information for each division.

Monday, August 3 (traditional Open House day)	All divisions will offer virtual conference opportunities for families to meet teachers and connect with advisors. Elementary families will be informed of their homebase teacher, and middle school and high school families will be informed of their advisory teacher on July 30. Additionally, they will receive an invitation to sign up for a conference.
Tuesday, August 4	Sixth grade, ninth grade, and all of our new middle school and high school students will come to campus to meet their teachers, be introduced to the nuts and bolts of their division, help them learn the layout and structure of the facilities, and help them understand the daily schedule. Elementary school families will continue to have virtual conferences to connect with their classroom teacher
Wednesday, August 5	All second to fifth-grade students, middle school students, and high school students will come to campus
Thursday, August 6	Preschool through first-grade students will join all students on campus.

Transportation

Over 70 percent of our students ride our school buses to and from school each day and we know bus safety is an important part of our plan to return to school this fall. Our bus service provider, Yeap Transport, is carefully following the safety requirements issued by the Singapore Government through the Ministry of Education (MOE) and Ministry of Manpower (MOM) and has implemented additional precautionary measures to ensure the health and safety of riders.

As you make transportation decisions, we want to share the safety measures being implemented so that you are fully aware of our plan for the start of the year. Yeap Transportation has extended its deadline for decisions on buses until next Friday, July 24. Please note that registration for our bus service will also be available after that date to the extent space is available. In addition, parents who sign up for this service always have the right to cancel service with two weeks' notice.

Currently, rules concerning public and school transportation issued by the Land Transport Authority and [Ministry of Education](#) permit individuals to sit adjacent to one another in designated seats because of the capacity constraints on buses. We will follow the MOE model with our students on the buses so that, where required by capacity constraints, students will be sitting next to another student. We recognize, as a result, that during their time on the bus many of our students will be unable to follow the one-meter safe distancing guidance that they will follow at all times within school.

The following precautionary measures will be in place for the coming year on school buses:

- Each bus is sanitized before and after every use
- Students have assigned seats and must use and remain in those seats at all times

- Siblings will be assigned seats next to one another
- Students must wear their masks
- Students will have their temperature taken as they step on the bus and have their hands sanitized.
- Every bus will have a bus monitor in addition to the driver, and the drivers and monitors have all received detailed specific safety training on these requirements

Sports Camps

We are pleased to announce that we have just received permission from the Singapore Government to host four-day sports camps for rising fourth through twelfth grade SAS students. We are proud to offer the below programs.

- Eagle Club Baseball
- Eagle Club Swimming (current team members only)
- Euro Soccer Academy
- FastBreak Basketball
- LA Dance

Session 1: Tuesday, July 21-Friday, July 24

Session 2: Monday, July 27-Thursday, July 30

All of these camps will operate in strict accordance with Singapore Government rules on participation in athletic activities. For more information on these camps, please click [here](#).

We will share further information with you next week as we prepare for the start of school. We look forward to welcoming your children back to school!

Best,

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