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Subject: Return to Full In-person Learning

Dear Warde Families,

We are excited to welcome our student body back to full In-person learning on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. Please remember that Monday, March 8, 2021 will be a [remote learning day](#) for all students.

Please know that the safety and well being of all members of our school community is our top priority and we will continue to follow the guidance put forward by the Fairfield Health Department. Therefore, the reduction in the positivity rates and the current mitigation strategies that have been implemented has afforded the Fairfield Public Schools the opportunity to fully reopen. Specifically, at the high school level the Health Department's guidance of minimizing the distancing requirements in classrooms and other spaces from 6 feet to 3 feet between students is the primary factor that permits us to move to full In-person instruction.

The transition to full In-person learning results in a shift in the learning models. There are now only two learning models available: "In-person" and "Always Remote." Students who are currently enrolled in the hybrid instructional model will automatically be enrolled in full in-person instruction. Students who are currently enrolled in the remote-only learning model will continue in that classification. That being said, if a family would like to change their learning model, the parent/guardian must email their school counselor to request a classification change, which may take a minimum 3 school day processing time.

It is important to understand that the hybrid model is no longer an option. Therefore, In-person students will not have the ability to work remotely without a classification change. Students are either "In-person" or "Always Remote."

We will be celebrating the return of our student body with a series of fun, school-spirit activities starting on Tuesday, March 9 and concluding on Friday, March 12. These plans are designed to assist in reconnecting with each other by building a sense of community while maintaining safe distancing practices.

Welcome Back Warde Week:

- Tuesday 3/9 is Together Tuesday. Wear your Warde gear or black and red. (Senior Surprise)
- Wednesday 3/10 is House Wednesday. Show your House spirit and wear your House color! Fitts - Black, Townsend - White, Pequot - Red
- Thursday 3/11 is Throwback Thursday - Choose a favorite decade and dress accordingly
- Friday 3/12 is Fancy Friday - Dress to impress

Finally, as the first day of In-person instruction approaches one might feel an array of emotions, all of which are normal and even expected prior to a change. Please remember that Warde is an outstanding school, composed of dedicated, caring educators who are committed to supporting our students through this transition. As a teacher of history, I am struck with the historic nature of the first day back to full-time learning. Despite all the challenges that our community has endured, we will reunite as a school stronger than ever before. If we commit ourselves to the mitigation strategies of mask wearing, handwashing, and distancing while at the same time supporting each other socially and emotionally, we will safely transition back to the classrooms and hallways at Warde.

High School Transition to Full In-Person Learning Plan [FPS Reopening Presentation](#)

Welcome Back to Warde Schedule - Monday March 8 - Friday March 12

- Monday March 8:
 - [Remote learning day for all students](#)
- Tuesday March 9:
 - [Day 2 Special Schedule](#)
 - All In-person students reporting to school
 - **All Cohorts report** (except always remote and authorized remote)
 - Together Tuesday - Wear your Warde gear to celebrate that we are all back together!
 - [School-wide virtual homeroom assembly](#)
 - **Senior surprise**
- Wednesday March 10:
 - [Day 3 - Extended homeroom schedule](#) (Full day of school)

- School-wide advisory activity
- House Wednesday - Wear your house colors! Fitts - Black, Townsend - White, Pequot - Red
- Thursday March 11:
 - [Day 4 Regular Bell Schedule](#)
 - Throwback Thursday - Choose a favorite decade and dress accordingly
- Friday March 12:
 - [Day 1 Regular Bell Schedule](#)
 - Fancy Friday - Dress to impress

Rotation Calendar and Daily Schedule

- [The previously published rotation calendar without cohorts will be used](#)
- [The regular high school bell schedule will be utilized](#)

Student Classification/Status in the Different Learning Models

- We will no longer be using the hybrid model
- All students currently in the hybrid learning model will be considered a full In-person learner. These students will be classified by their **Cohort A or B** designation in IC, which will remain in the event we need to transition back to the hybrid learning model.
- All students currently classified as “Always Remote” will continue to be classified as **“Always Remote”**
- Students can opt into “Always Remote” by their parent/guardian emailing their school counselor to request a classification change
 - A classification change may take a minimum 3 school day processing time
- Students can opt into full “In-person learning” by their parent/guardian emailing their school counselor to request a classification change
 - A classification change may take a minimum 3 school day processing time
- Students who are classified as full in-person learners and are directed to quarantine or isolate by the Fairfield Health Department or the school nurses will be classified as **“Authorized Remote”**
 - The student designation in Infinite Campus will change to “Authorized Remote”
 - House Principals will communicate the Authorized Remote dates

Transportation

- If you *now* require bus transportation or if there is an issue, you must email busservice@fairfieldschools.org to make a request. Requests will be handled on a first come, first served basis, so it may take a few days to process any changes. You will know the status has been changed when the bus stop and time is indicated under

“Transportation” in the Infinite Campus portal

- Bus transportation information can be accessed in the Infinite Campus portal. This will give you the Bus Route and designated stop and time

Attendance

Note: This is the proposed wording being presented to the Board of Education for consideration at their March 9 meeting. If changes occur, we will send a separate communication with details.

- In-person:
 - Attendance is defined as physical presence in the assigned classroom and will be recorded in Infinite Campus
 - If a student is unable to attend class in person for non-COVID-19 related reasons, they are encouraged to participate from home but they will be marked absent from class. The absence will be excused if a parent/guardian notifies the school’s absentee line; otherwise, the absence will be unexcused.
- Remote Only:
 - Attendance is defined as logging into the assigned class during its scheduled period for the time required by the teacher and will be recorded in Infinite Campus
- Quarantining or isolating:
 - Students who are classified as full In-person learners and are directed to quarantine or isolate by the Fairfield Health Department or the school nurses will be eligible to participate remotely for attendance credit
 - The student designation in IC will change to “Authorized Remote”
 - For attendance purposes follow the Remote Only Learning protocol

Important notes about attendance:

While under the conditions of the pandemic, the attendance offices are aware of the need to be more accommodating regarding illness, medical appointments, college visits, etc. As usual, we ask that families communicate the reasons for their child’s absence to the house office. We are continuing to track excused and unexcused absences for our records in our efforts to monitor student progress and support students and their families.

Physical Classroom Setup

- Desks will be separated with a minimum distance of 3 feet apart
 - This is measured from the middle of one chair to the middle of the next
- Teacher workstations will maintain a 6 foot distance from students
- Teachers will utilize a seating chart for contact tracing purposes
- Dividers are available one per student and can be obtained in their house office.

- Students are responsible for carrying them throughout the day and cleaning them each night

Contact Tracing

- Quarantining/Isolating:
 - Students exposed to a person who tested positive for Covid-19 will be placed in quarantine by health officials based on the the 6 foot social distancing requirement for 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period

Lunch, Large Spaces and Learning Commons

- The cafeteria and small gym are designated eating areas for use during lunch waves
 - Outside seating is available in the main courtyard on the patio
 - The tent in the main courtyard will be reinstalled as soon as weather permits
- Cafeteria tables will be used and seats will be labeled to identify student seating
- All tables in both areas will be cleaned and disinfected between lunch waves
- The Fairfield Health Department is permitting a 3 foot distance between students without masks during lunch
- Each table will have a QR code, students will be required to scan the QR code each day to sign into their table for contact tracing purposes.
- Students can use their cell phone or chromebook to scan QR code.
- Markings will be placed on each table identifying the appropriate seat to ensure social distancing
- “Plastic Dividers” will be utilized by students during lunch waves and will be cleaned and disinfected between uses
- Administrators, Deans, and Staff will be present in the cafeteria and large spaces for supervision

Instruction & Online Expectations

- Staff will continue to use Google Classroom and the entire G-Suite platform as the primary mode of instruction and communication
- Teachers will continue to provide synchronous instruction for “Always Remote” learners
 - Teachers still have professional discretion about student camera use
- Assessment practices:
 - “Always Remote” students will continue to take remote versions of assessments
 - In-person students will only be allowed to take assessments in the building
 - Make-up assessments must be scheduled with the teacher and take place when the student returns if the absence is excused

Meetings
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All meetings including 504s, PPTs, parent, and case conferences will continue to be held virtually and by appointment only
Masks
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All students and staff must continue to wear a mask:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Student masks must align with the dress code stated in the Student Handbook• If students refuse to adhere to the mask policy:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ They will be offered a mask should they not have one○ If the student still refuses, they will be sent to their dean○ Student will be sent home should they continue to refuse
Student Parking
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FWHS Parking Information 2021

Sincerely,



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