

## **Hershey Opening Protocols 2021**

As always, we are committed to making your student's experience at Hershey as safe and enjoyable as possible. As the TSC guidelines change, we will continue to adapt and evolve at our school as well. Further information regarding the TSC guidelines for the 2021-2022 school year may be accessed at the following link: [TSC Return to School Guidance Document](#).

### **General/Classroom**

**Opening Event** - Families will be able to meet their teacher(s) and see the classroom(s) in person. The Opening Event for Grades 1-5 will be August 9 with families staggered based upon their last name. Please be mindful of social distancing and not spending more than 10 minutes in any area. Kindergarten opening event will be August 5 with families receiving a Sign-Up Genius invitation.

**Masks** - At this time, masks are optional in school and on school grounds. All students are required to be masked while riding the school bus.

**Morning Arrival** - In order to minimize the number of students entering the building at one time, students will exit the bus one grade level at a time. Students will be assigned a specific door from which to enter based upon their grade level and doors are marked:

**Kindergarten:** Enter Door 15

**Second:** Enter Door 15

**Third:** Enter Door 4

**4/5:** Enter Door 4

**First:** Enter using Door 1

**2/3:** Enter Door 1

**Fourth:** Enter Door 3

**Fifth:** Enter Door 3

**Bus passes** are not allowed at this time due to COVID-19 safety procedures.

**Car riders** will use Door 7 for arrival and dismissal. Parents, please do not exit your vehicle. At dismissal, car riders will be in assigned seats in the cafeteria until their parent arrives. Children's last name should be clearly displayed in the front window in bold print to expedite this process.

**Y-Care** students will enter Door 9 and Y-Care will be housed in the Cafeteria.

**Hydration** - Water fountains will be operable; however, students are encouraged to bring a water bottle from home. Please make sure your child's name is clearly marked and visible. When in the backpack, it would be helpful to have the water bottle inside of a ziplock bag in their backpack to prevent damage to school supplies and books.

**Hand Sanitizing** - Hand washing and sanitizing will be encouraged throughout the school day.

**School Supplies** - Every Hershey student will receive a free school supply kit to minimize shared supplies within the classroom.

**Shared Classroom Snacks / Birthday Treats** - Students may bring a treat for the class for his/her birthday. We encourage non-food treats. Shared food items must be commercially manufactured and individually wrapped. Please also be aware of classroom student allergies.

**Lunch / Recess** - Times will be staggered to reduce the number of students on the playground and in the cafeteria at one time. Until further notice, visitors will not be allowed in the cafeteria as students have assigned seats and we must adhere to our seating charts for contact tracing.

**Volunteers** - At this time, volunteers will not be invited into the building unless they are part of a TSC approved organization.

### **Health Information**

**Health related topics will be addressed in the near future by Krystal Zahn, the TSC Nurse.**

We will continue to communicate with our Hershey family as more information becomes available.

Best regards,  
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