

Dear SRS Families,

I hope you and your loved ones are well.

WSSD received a grant from the Teaching Tolerance organization, now known as Learning for Justice, to a workshop series in the WSSD community. The workshops are administered by Swarthmore College and are a support for parents and teachers on how to talk to children about a set of issues including race, religion, disability, gender, family structure, and socio-economic class. The workshops are all developed by educators and parents from our partners. Please use this link <http://talkingaboutidentity.org/> to register for the upcoming workshop in this series.

Elementary Transition to Full In-person Learning on Thursday, March 18

For several weeks, we have been busily planning for the eventual return of students to our building. Some aspects of our school day are being finalized, I would like to outline some general procedures that are in place already for March 18, including our classroom and building safety protocols/procedures. This information will also be found on the SRS web page under **Announcements**.

NOTE: Teacher assignments for those students who are switching modalities will be sent via email tomorrow afternoon, Wednesday, March 10. If you do not receive a new teacher assignment by Thursday morning (March 11), please contact the office at kswierczek@wssd.org.

Devices

Students will continue to bring their devices to school, but *all classroom instruction will occur in person*. Online Academy students will continue their typical virtual schedule.

To prepare for the upcoming transition, The WSSD has approved the following schedule:

Monday, March 15 - Wednesday, March 17	ASYNCHRONOUS DAYS for Students
Thursday, March 18	First Day of Full In-person Instruction

Wednesday – Early Dismissal

The revised 4.5-day in-person schedule has a half-day each Wednesday for students until late May. Students in Grades 1-5 will have a 12:30 PM dismissal. The first ½ day is **Wednesday, March 24**.

Kindergarten will run on the following modified schedule:

AM K - 8:45- 10:00 AM
PM K - 11:15-12:30 PM

Specials

To reduce the amount of exposure for all, students will rotate from each special weekly. Classroom teachers will share their classroom special area schedule shortly.

We appreciate your ongoing support as we prepare for the return of full in-person instruction at SRS on March 18.

SRS Classrooms

Student desks will have individual plastic tri-fold protection shields. Windows in classrooms will be open as much as possible and the District continues to effectively utilize our HVAC systems to ensure adequate ventilation throughout the school.

Desks in classrooms will be spaced between 3 to 4½ feet in most instructional spaces within the building. Below you will find a picture of a classroom that has the individual PPE. Procedures for snacks are still being finalized, but will include 6 feet of distancing.



Cafeteria

Similar to our hybrid schedule, students will be sitting at 6-feet distancing throughout the cafeteria at all times. To expand our seating capacity, we have placed additional tables in our cafeteria and identified areas for seating.

One grade level will eat in the cafeteria during their scheduled time while the other grade level assigned to that time will go outside for recess. At the conclusion of the first class' recess, the students will sanitize their hands before entering the cafeteria for lunch. For example, first and fourth grades are scheduled to have lunch at 11:00 a.m. First grade students will eat in the cafeteria while fourth grade plays on the playground in their designated classroom areas. At the completion of the first grade lunch period, the cafeteria tables are cleaned and sanitized for the fourth grade students to enter. The students will utilize separate doorways to exit and enter the cafeteria area.

Students will continue to require masking and maintain social distancing throughout our playground and blacktop areas by individual classes.



Arrival

We are currently finalizing procedures that would maintain 6-foot distancing throughout the building. We will be utilizing additional areas, such as the cafeteria, gymnasium and outside courtyard. However, each grade level will have their own designated areas. Students will be supervised at all times, beginning at 8:20 AM. The picture below illustrates how students are currently spaced at morning arrival. We intend to utilize the same markings, as well as the additional spaces previously mentioned.



Dismissal

Due to the increased number of in-person students, we are anticipating a significant increase in the number of students picked up in car line. We are reworking our current procedures to maintain a safe environment, while dismissing our students as efficiently as possible. The District survey results suggest that more students will be picked up in car line than a typical school year. I will update our community on some adjustments to our dismissal process closer to the return to school.

Future e-blasts will contain any modifications or updates to the procedures outlined above. We appreciate your support as we plan for the return of our students while maintaining a safe environment for all.

Opening School Procedures

Classroom	Students and Staff
Hand Sanitizer	Use upon entry and exit of classrooms
Maintain Social Distance	Adhere to floor markers when waiting to enter special area classes
Cubicle Area	Limit students in the cubby area in the AM and PM - assign cubicle numbers for A/B Cohorts to distance students Teachers - limit the number of students leaving classroom to place or retrieve items from the cubbies
Furniture	Remain in designated work areas – desks and teacher workstation
Restrooms	Wait until stall is available – single Multiple stalls – enter if stall is available
Masks	Must wear masks unless given an exemption (medical or sensory and processing concerns) Disposable masks are located in the office for students and staff if needed

Snacks	<p>May remove mask briefly to drink from personal water bottle or eat a small snack (short period of time)</p> <p>Eat at individual desks maintaining 6ft distance facing one direction or outside in designated areas.</p> <p>Put mask on immediately after completion of snack - do not prolong unmasking for safety</p> <p>Remind students not to talk while unmasked to prevent particles from spreading</p> <p>**Please remind students to bring their water bottles from home**</p>
Review/Teach Safety Rules	<p>Please Review the Following Procedures:</p> <p>How to walk in the hallways - single file</p> <p>How to walk down the stairwells</p> <p>Incorporate PBIS - Be Safe; Be Respectful; Be Responsible</p>
Outdoor Learning	<p>Courtyard Tent - Sparrow House - Basketball Court - Butterfly Garden</p> <p>Sign up to share designated areas</p>

Lunch	Students and Staff
Hand Sanitizer	Use upon entry of cafeteria or before leaving classroom
Maintain Social Distance	Adhere to floor markers when waiting to enter cafeteria
Tables	2 students per table (facing one direction)
Masks	<p>Must wear masks unless given an exemption (medical or sensory and processing concerns)</p> <p>May remove to eat lunch and return face mask immediately upon completion</p> <p>Remind students not to talk while unmasked to prevent particles from spreading</p>
Waiting Area	Small groups of students to wait to proceed to the serving line

Serving Line	<p>Students stand on designated floor markings</p> <p>Lunches will be free until June 2021</p> <p>One option - meals are prepackaged for students</p> <p>*Styrofoam trays will be used; paper trays are on backorder*</p>
Take-Home Meals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parent Pickup. This occurs at SHHS. Parents are not required to pre-order unless their student has a dietary concern. The distribution sessions are Mondays and Thursday from 9:00am to 10:30am and 4:00pm to 6:00pm. 2. Student Take-Home. These are the meal bags students may pick up from the cooler in the main office vestibule as they exit the building for the day. Since we are still actively using the cohort model, these meals are offered on Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Lunch Recess	Students and Staff
Hand Sanitizer	Use upon entry of classrooms
Maintain Social Distance	Adhere to floor markers when waiting to exit cafeteria
Dismissal	Use kindergarten door
Bell – students line up to meet teacher in designated area – social distancing	Students enter building using designated doors and sanitize hands upon entry of classroom
Equipment	Each class will have a designated basket with recess equipment marked with the class name
Masks	<p>Must wear masks unless given an exemption (medical or sensory and processing concerns)</p> <p>May remove briefly to drink from personal water bottle (short period of time)</p> <p>Remind students not to talk while unmasked to prevent particles from spreading</p>

	Keep masks on your person - in your possession at all times
Indoor Recess	Students will be divided into classrooms with assistants monitoring each room Maintain social distance Students may use their personal items (books, cards, etc.) during recess Remind students not to talk while unmasked to prevent particles from spreading

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