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To the JBMA Community:

I hope this letter finds each of you doing well. Summer is quickly coming to an end and our first day of school is right around the corner.

A few dates to remember:

Monday, August 9, 2021	Orientation Day – meetings will start in the gym; parents will have time to visit classrooms
Tuesday, August 10, 2021	First day of school – all levels

Operating Hours:

The school will be open for early drop off starting at 7:30 AM daily. Students can remain on campus until 4:00 PM daily. All students must be off campus no later than 4:00 PM daily. No exceptions can be made to this. Our teachers need time to clean and sanitize the classrooms.

Guidance regarding vaccinations and masking:

Following CDC guidelines, newly published guidelines from the American Pediatric Association, and advice from local physicians, **the school will require masks for all unvaccinated individuals while indoors.** This includes any adult who is not vaccinated and all students under the age of 12 (90% of our student population).

Based on the newest CDC guidelines, vaccinated individuals will also be required to wear a mask while indoors.

Guidance regarding the school being made aware of a positive COVID-19 test result for a staff member or student:

- We will follow the latest guidelines from the CDC and local health departments.
- Parents in the affected class will be notified of the need to quarantine.
- The school will also share the last date of exposure so we can calculate quarantine days and parameters for return.
- Parents will have the option to have their child tested during the quarantine period.
- Students can return to the classroom 7 days from the date of last exposure **IF** they have a negative COVID test **AND** they are symptom free. The negative test result must be dated 5 days after the date of last exposure.
- Students can return to the classroom 10 days from the date of last exposure without needing a negative COVID test **IF** they are symptom free.
- The individual who originally tested positive can return to the classroom after 10 days **WITH** a negative COVID test **AND** they are completely symptom free.

Efforts the school will use to mitigate the effects of COVID-19:

As we continue to focus on the health and safety of our entire school community, please be aware of COVID protocols kept in place for the 2021 -2022 school year:

- Indoor mask usage.
- Physical distancing when possible.
- Frequent handwashing.
- Regular cleaning of classrooms and common areas.
- Use touchless faucets, automatic paper towel and automatic soap dispensers in all restrooms.
- Use of automatic and pump hand sanitizer stations in all buildings.
- Air purifiers are in place in all classrooms, including the gym, lunchroom, and library.
- All HVAC systems school-wide are being serviced to ensure proper ventilation.

Discontinued mitigation measures:

- Daily health screenings will not be used.
 - You are the best screening protocol. **Please do not send your child to school if they are sick or showing signs of illness.**
- Virtual learning options: Due to limited resources, the school will not be able to offer full-time, part year, or hybrid virtual options for students. We will however be able to support virtual learning in the event a student group needs to be quarantined.

The school is ready to respond to the ever-changing landscape moving forward. As new guidelines are published, we will update our school community with any changes to our procedures.

I thank you for your support of our school and for trusting us with the education of your child. We are all looking forward to another great school year!

Sincerely,



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