

Dear Gryphon Families,

We look forward to seeing all of our students on the first day of school on August 12. To our new families, please note that we will incorporate orientation into the first official day of school and **will NOT have a separate orientation day on August 11**. New students are not to report to school on August 11. Rest assured that all of our new students will receive a warm welcome and the information that would have been presented on the new student orientation day.

As a reminder, **all students should report to school in full uniform, and in grooming compliance on Wednesday, August 12th. The tardy bell rings at 8:15 AM and students will be dismissed at 3:15 PM.** Students should bring their school supplies to school. Students not riding the bus, should be dropped off in front of the main entrance of school no earlier than 7:50 AM. Students not riding the bus home, should be picked up promptly at 3:15 PM in front of the main entrance to the school.

**Athletics:** The Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) has delayed the start of fall athletics due to the extension of Phase II by the governor. Ms. Loughmiller will share additional information with student athletes as it becomes available.

**Student Drivers:** If your child is planning to drive to school, they must first notify the school office and complete the student driver form. This form must be signed by a parent or guardian, and must be accompanied by a copy of the student's driver's license, car registration, and car insurance.

No student will be allowed in school without an appropriate mask. The medical disposable masks, two or three ply cloth masks (patterns are okay, just remember that masks should be school appropriate), or cloth masks with filters are all allowable. Masks should cover both the nose and mouth. Face shields and "neck gators" or bandanna are not acceptable as they do not provide adequate protection. Many parents have inquired about water bottles. Colored reusable water bottles are acceptable as long as they are see through. We encourage all students to bring their own small bottles of hand sanitizer to keep on their person and use throughout the day. Hand sanitizer dispensers have been mounted in every classroom, and hand sanitizer will be available throughout the school.

**IMPORTANT:** Starting next week, all students will attend school virtually **ONLY** on Fridays. The school and office will be closed. Students will complete work and communicate with teachers via Google Classroom on these virtual Fridays. Attendance will be taken and students will be expected to complete their daily work as though they were physically in the classroom. We will communicate more information next week. On these virtual Fridays, we will deep clean and sanitize the school in addition to the daily cleanings and sanitizing that will occur during the week. Jefferson Parish Schools will also operate school virtually on Fridays as there will be no bus service for middle and high school students.

For those in Jefferson Parish riding the bus, we will be emailing your bus stop information tomorrow. Some of you may already have been contacted by your bus driver. We will also be emailing final student schedules Friday.

Please monitor your emails as we will be communicating information and changes often during the coming weeks. We appreciate all of you who are in partnership with us in educating your children. As always, please reach out to the school at (504) 455-4062 with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Stay safe! God is watching over all of us.

In His Service,

Carol A. Christen

Principal