

July 27, 2021

Dear Students and Families:

We are super grateful to have completed this school year with you! We have persevered together and will draw upon that resilience to start another school year as a City High family. This letter is to provide highlights of our plan for the Fall.



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The COVID-19 pandemic has improved but there are lingering effects that must still be considered to maintain the health and safety of our school community and address the needs of students, staff, and families. Accordingly, City High will operate fully in-person and will continue to implement health and safety mitigation efforts in the Fall. Although we will be fully in person, social distancing will be more difficult to maintain, which will require us to continue our mask mandate into the fall. This will help to assure necessary protection for all members of our community. As was shared in an earlier notification in July, there will not be a virtual instructional option next school year except in the event of a COVID outbreak.

We are pleased to announce that in addition to operating fully in-person, City High will continue a 4-day model including a weekly flexible 5th day for the 21-22 school year. Thank you for the overwhelming feedback we received from you (students and parents) in our Annual Report survey that was circulated in June. This was important feedback that helped to inform our plans. The 4-day model will allow us to resume school-wide in-person instruction and follow health and safety measures while helping to ease the transition of our virtual students (approximately half of our current student body), who will have been out of the building for 18 months when the 21-22 school year begins. This model enables us to enhance a holistic approach to serving students while maintaining the core elements of our school that contribute to our success at growing individual students as learners. We are calling the model 4PLUS (Personalized Learning for Universal Success). An overview of 4PLUS is outlined as follows:

- Students will attend school in-person 4 days per week. The schedule is 8:00 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. (classes end at 3:45 p.m. for 9th graders).
- Students will continue to follow health and safety mitigation, such as wearing a mask and practicing social distancing wherever possible.
 - Our cafeteria will continue to use plexiglass separators to minimize contact between students during lunch, which will also limit seating to 4 to 8 students per table.
- There will be a personalized 5th day on alternating, designated Mondays, whereby students can experience any of the following:
 - Catch up on previous assignments
 - Schedule 1:1 help from a teacher
 - Receive peer tutoring
 - Participate in service learning and volunteer opportunities

- Extend their internship hours (11th/12th graders)
- Work a part-time job
- Participate in local field experiences, outings around town, and City High sponsored activities
- Attend wellness meetings or appointments

You will receive a back-to-school mailing in the coming weeks leading up to the start of school that outlines important details about the school year. **All students begin on Tuesday, August 31st!**

Please know that your Grade-Level Principal will be on break from August 2nd-23rd and, in the interim, please make use of our website to access our school calendar, important announcements, and resources. Resources, such as vaccination locations throughout the area, can be accessed through our Community Resources page at www.cityhigh.org/resources.

Have a great rest of your summer!

Best,

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