

## DAILY CORONAVIRUS MITIGATION PLANS

We are planning to begin the school year with face-to-face learning with mitigation strategies in place. The State and Federal guidelines are being updated regularly and we will do everything in our power to follow those recommendations and communicate plans to our community members.

At this time, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's masking guidance for K-12 schools are being updated and we will share our detailed plans as soon as we have reviewed this guidance.

[Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) | CDC](#)

Based on current CDC (Center for Disease Control) and [Michigan DHHS Safe Schools Guidelines](#) as well as current local levels of community transmission, I anticipate that we will implement the following protocols for face-to-face learning when school resumes:

1. We encourage all eligible community members to get vaccinated
2. We will support and encourage masking in school
3. We will promote screening and testing for illness along with appropriate quarantine protocols
4. We will ensure adequate ventilation in all classrooms

We are incredibly pleased that we have been able to provide appropriate learning opportunities without placing our students or our staff at risk. We completed the 2020 academic year without a single case of COVID 19 transmitted at the Academy and we will do our best to continue to keep our community safe.

## VACCINATION UPDATES

For new transfer students and 7<sup>th</sup> graders, please review this updated information from the Michigan Health Department [Vaccines Required for School Entry in Michigan](#)

## FOOD SERVICE

Diamond Hospitality will provide food service options to our students this year for both breakfast and lunch. The schedule and cost are as follows:

- BREAKFAST – Daily from 7:30 - 8:15 AM.
- LUNCH - Daily during scheduled lunch periods.

We are pleased to inform you that we will be participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) as part of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

The GREAT NEWS is that ALL students enrolled at our school can receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at NO CHARGE each day. However, students will be charged for items purchased a la carte

To help ensure that we continue to have access to all available funding resources, please complete the [Household Information Form](#)

We are also excited to announce that Diamond will be providing additional choices every day that will include the return of the salad bar!

## SCHOOL HOURS

7:00 AM – 8:15 AM (7:30 – 8:15 AM Breakfast is Available)

Door #3 (by the flagpole) will open at 7:00 am. Students arriving early must report to the gym until 8:00 AM. Students should remain on the first floor until 8:15 AM.

8:00 AM – DOORS OPEN FOR ALL STUDENTS

3:45 PM – DOORS CLOSE FOR ALL STUDENTS

All students must exit the building by 3:45 PM, or be in the Hangout, a staff-sponsored club, workshop, or an after-school activity.

## HANGOUT

The 'Hangout' is offered to students in grades 7, 8, 9 and 10 until 6:00 pm daily (unless otherwise posted).

Students in grades 11 and 12 must have prior written approval from administration to remain in the Hangout after (4:00 -4:30 PM), but they are always welcome and encouraged to attend after school clubs or workshops.

All students must submit the Hangout registration form and behavioral contract, signed by both the student and parent BEFORE the student may utilize the Hangout. The registration forms can be found on our website or in the main office.

Please turn in the registration forms prior to Tuesday, 9/6/22 if your student plans to utilize the Hangout on the first day of school. There is an annual non-refundable registration fee of \$40 per per family that can be paid via check or cash in the main office or with a credit card using E Funds for schools found on our website.

## PARKING/DROP OFF

Students should enter the building before 8:30 at door #3, by the flagpole.

After 8:30, students should enter at the main office entrance, Door # 17.

Students who drive should park in the student parking lot near the field.

Students should enter the building at Door #3, by the flagpole in the morning.

Door #3 is locked after 8:30 and students should enter through Door #17 after that.

Pick up and drop off procedures

1. Please be respectful of our families who are picking up and dropping off. Please allow cars to merge into line and be patient while waiting to merge. Please move your car as far to the front of the line as space allows. Follow the arrows and allow other cars space to move around you if you are waiting for your student.
2. Please be respectful of our neighbors during pick up and drop off. Do not make U-turns on Caroline. There is not enough room and you will end up driving over lawns. Please drive around the building or approach Door #3 from the north.
3. Do not enter the fenced area with Fraser Buses off Masonic when dropping off or picking up kids. There are entrances to our parking lots on Caroline and Masonic.

## SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

The Academy utilizes the School Messenger service to notify families of current and ongoing events as well as attendance issues and weather-related school closures. The service will automatically notify your family if your student is absent or tardy. This system uses your email and phone number as listed in Unified Classroom to send messages.

If you receive a message that you believe may be in error, please contact the main office.

Our most valuable tool for communication is PowerSchool. Please be sure that you check PowerSchool regularly, at least once per week. If you are having difficulty accessing or understanding the information in PowerSchool, please contact the main office. Each family will receive a weekly update of grades, attendance, and any fees on Mondays starting 09/12.

## HOW TO CALL IN

To call in an absence, please leave a message on the main office phone 586 294 0391

## GENERAL REMINDERS

Please do not have food delivered to the school. We do not accept food deliveries for students and we are trying to minimize the number of visitors to the building. If you need to drop off anything, please contact the office to set up an appointment.

It is imperative that students who carry medication, including inhalers or any other medication complete the appropriate medical paperwork. The forms can be found on the [Parent Resources](#) page of our website, or can be provided to you through the main office.

Lost and found items are in the office. Please remind your students to check there for any lost items. We disposed of items after about a month.

Yearbooks from previous years are still available. Email Ms. Allen ([callen@artsacacd.net](mailto:callen@artsacacd.net)) if you are interested in purchasing one. The cost is \$55. Information about the 2023 yearbook will be distributed soon.