



Dear parents,

In light of the new information from the governor's office along with the CDC's new guidelines, I wanted to review our Covid policies with you and concerns for this upcoming school year. With this new Covid variant, things will be treated differently. Masking will be required by all teachers and students from Kindergarten - 8th grade. Any parent entering our building will be required to have on a mask and asked to stay in the lobby only (Parents, please do not enter any of our school buildings unmasked. It is embarrassing to have to ask anyone to put on a mask in today's world and I am hoping that all of you would agree with this policy).

- Every student will have their temperature checked as they enter our buildings but sign in will not be required. Please remember that we are in a time where marginally sick children cannot attend school. If you have given your child medication for a fever in the last 24 hours, they are not allowed to attend school the next day. We must all do our part in keeping our school and staff safe.
- All staff will have their temperature checked daily and have been advised that if they feel the least bit under the weather, they must contact me to arrange a substitute teacher. We will continue to keep our classes separate as much as possible so that if we have a case of Covid we can begin by only sending that class home.
- Let me take this opportunity to remind you that we installed last year an Ionization air purifying system that is 99.8% proven to reduce the spread of Covid.
- We have purchased two (2) water bottle filling stations for our downstairs and upstairs students. Please make sure to send your child with a clearly, permanently marked water bottle daily.
- We are also asking that you make sure to send your child with two (2) masks daily that are labeled with your child's name or initials. Any labeled masks or water bottles that are left behind, will be returned to your student. Unlabeled masks or water bottles will be disposed of for obvious reasons.
- We continue to have readily, accessible sanitizing stations near all classrooms.

Many of you have contacted me in the last few days concerning our Covid policies for this year. Please understand that I am not a Democrat or a Republican and the policies

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that we adhere to at this school are state mandated, they are not negotiable and they are designed to help keep our families safe. My personal opinions never come into play when it comes to the safety of our families. Please for everyone's safety, we ask for your cooperation this year. I am preparing as if all depends on us and praying as if all depends on God. You've heard me use these words in the past, it is a winning combination.

These are uncertain times and all of us are trying to figure them out. No one wants to walk with you more than the God of the universe who loves you, cares for you, and believes in you during these times. May His peace abide with you and your family throughout this school year and as always, if there's ever anything I can do for you I am available.

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