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# RETURN TO LEARN FAQs

**Q: Will the school year be starting on time?**

**A:** Yes. OCS will start school on Tuesday, August 18th. This is a full day of classes for all students. We plan to follow the 2020-2021 published [school calendar](#).

**Q: What time will the building be open to students?**

**A:** The building will be open every school day (including late start days) at 7:30 am.

**Q: Where will my student enter the building?**

**A:** Students in grades 6-12 may enter through the upper doors by the music wing or through the back doors by the athletic entrance. Elementary students will enter through the main entrance at the bottom of the hill. No secondary students may enter through the main entrance at the bottom of the hill.

**Q: Where will my student go after entering the building?**

**A: Secondary** - On a regular school day, secondary students will enter and report directly to their first class of the day. (Teachers will release students to go to their locker after class begins.) On a late start day, students who enter between 7:30-8:45 will be directed to the gym where they will be monitored. Students entering after 8:45 will report directly to their first class.

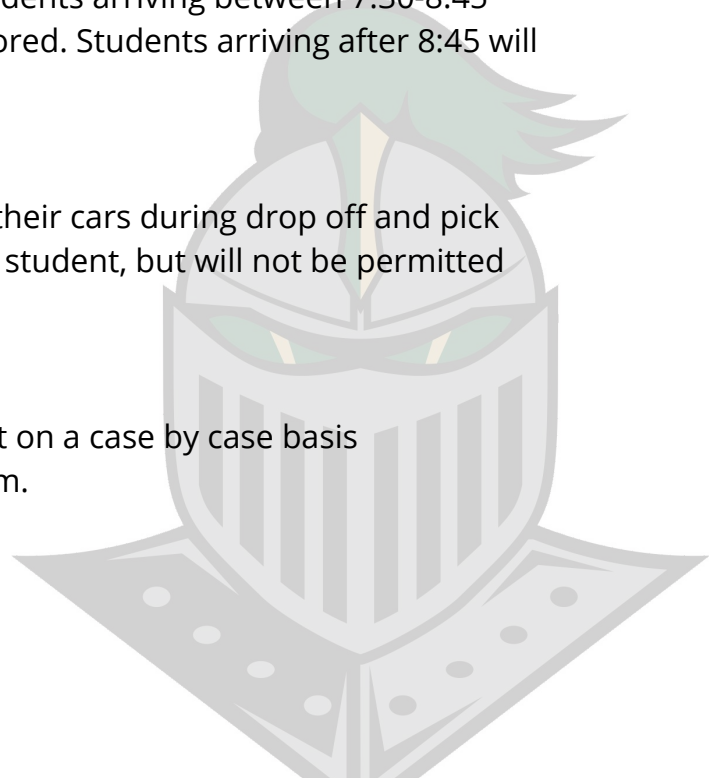
**A: Elementary** - On a regular school day, students arriving between 7:30-7:45 will be directed to the MP where they will be monitored. Students arriving after 7:45 will go directly to their classrooms. On a late start day, students arriving between 7:30-8:45 will be directed to the MP where they will be monitored. Students arriving after 8:45 will go directly to their classrooms.

**Q: Will parents be allowed in the building?**

**A:** Although we encourage all parents to remain in their cars during drop off and pick up, parents may enter the building to drop off your student, but will not be permitted to enter beyond the designated reception area.

**Q: Will visitors be allowed in the building?**

**A:** Visitors will not be allowed in the building except on a case by case basis determined by a member of the administrative team.



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**Q: Will students be screened each day before school?**

**A:** We are asking that parents screen their children at home for symptoms prior to sending them to school. Following CDC guidelines, students will not have their temperature taken daily upon arrival at school.

**Q: Will my student be required to wear a mask at school?**

**A:** Yes, in compliance with the Michigan Return to School Roadmap, students in grades 6-12 will wear masks in class, in common areas and when changing classrooms. Students in grades K-5 will wear masks in common areas and when changing classrooms. Masks are not required for K-5 students inside their classrooms. EEC students are not required to wear masks.

**Q: Will faculty and staff be required to wear masks?**

**A:** Yes, in compliance with the Michigan Return to School Roadmap, all faculty and staff members will wear a mask.

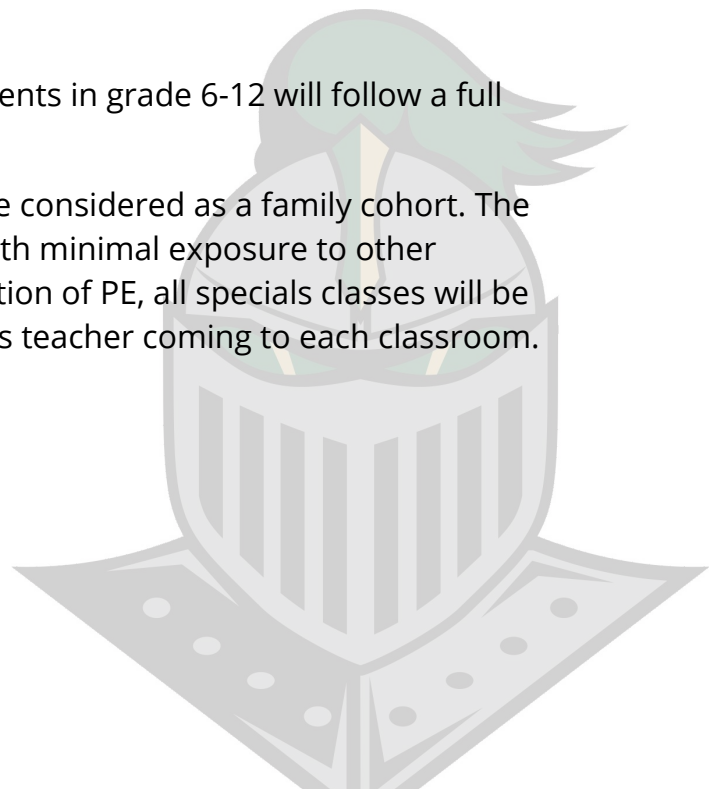
**Q: What are the approved masks?**

**A:** Masks must cover the nose and mouth. Cloth masks, disposable masks, and neck gaiters are allowed. Bandanas and face shields are not approved by the Oakland County Health Department to be worn as masks. Masks with designs or wording deemed inappropriate by OCS staff or faculty will not be permitted.

**Q: What will my child's daily schedule be?**

**A: Secondary** - To minimize passing times, all students in grade 6-12 will follow a full block [schedule](#).

**A: Elementary** - Each elementary classroom will be considered as a family cohort. The cohort classroom will operate at school as a unit with minimal exposure to other students and adults in the building. With the exception of PE, all specials classes will be conducted in the cohort classroom with the specials teacher coming to each classroom.



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**Q: How will late start days work this year?**

**A:** Due to the change to a block schedule, late start days will be Mondays and Tuesdays every other week. Start time on late start days is 9:00 am for elementary and secondary. Please see [school calendar](#) for dates.

**Q: What will chapel look like when school starts back?**

**A:** Chapel is a very important part of who we are as a school. We are reviewing a number of options for chapel (including rotating the grades that will attend chapel in person and streaming it for others) and will provide more details as those plans are finalized.

**Q: What changes will be made to student lunch?**

**A: High School** - High school lunch will be split into two sections with a limited number of students at each table. Lunches purchased from OCS will be served on a covered tray and/or in boxes. A limited a la carte selection will be available, but must be purchased through the student's OCS lunch account (NO cash.) During Phase 4, Senior lunch is suspended.

**A: Middle School** - Middle school students will be released at staggered times to enter the lunchroom, and will have a limited number of students at each table. Lunches purchased from OCS will be served on a covered tray and/or in boxes. A limited a la carte selection will be available, but must be purchased through the student's OCS lunch account (NO cash.)

**A: Elementary** - Elementary lunch will be served in the individual classrooms. Lunches purchased from OCS will be individually boxed and delivered to the classrooms. Microwaves will be available in each classroom.

**Q: Will the school still offer Omega after school care?**

**A:** Yes, however, parents must sign up for care on a month to month basis and will be billed accordingly. Hourly child care charges are being replaced with a fixed daily fee. Drop in after school care will no longer be provided.



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**Q: Will remote learning be the same as it was at the end of the 2019-2020 calendar year?**

**A:** We acknowledge that COVID-19 caused major disruptions in our lives, including the delivery of educational services to students during the 2019-20 school year. We also recognize that as difficult as the transition to remote learning was last spring, the possibility exists that we could have a similar disruption in the 2020-21 school year. Although our faculty did an amazing job of “heavy lifting” in transitioning from face-to-face instruction to remote learning with little previous experience, our instructional team has spent the past few months planning and developing a more robust and scheduled academic program to significantly improve the processes for distance learning should we be forced to return to that model at any point in the coming year.

