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Dear Brentwood Families,

We are thoroughly excited to welcome our incoming kindergarten students, transferring students, and returning students to the 2022-2023 school year. The purpose of this communication is to answer Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the start of the school year.

When is the first day of school for students?

Families that completed the registration process for kindergarten students will receive a letter about a staggered start. If you do not receive a letter by August 20, please contact the registration office to receive an update on your enrollment packet. The number is 412-881-4940 ext. 2215.

Students in grades 1-12, the first day is Monday, August 29, 2022.

Will my child receive a free breakfast and lunch during the 2022-2023 school year?

The free meal program for all students expired and was not extended for the 2022-2023 school year by the Federal government. Please complete an online *Free and Reduced Meals* application at <https://www.schoolcafe.com/>. After completing this application families will be notified about their status. It is important to note that family situations may change throughout the year and families may reapply online throughout the school year. Help is available for translating the applications into a variety of languages. Please contact Dr. Chris Winiarski or Ms. Kiersten McGee at the Middle High School using the following phone number 412-881-4940 ext. 2215 for translation assistance. Our goal is to reach all our families.

Do my children need a cafeteria account and how do I add money to the accounts?

Families are strongly encouraged to set-up a school lunch account by going to <https://www.bb-sd.com/Downloads/SchoolCafeSetup32.pdf>. Here you will find instructions on how to set up an account to view student cafeteria transactions, add money electronically, place restrictions on purchasing a la carte, etc.

Are masks required for the 2022-2023 school year?

The Board of School Directors voted on August 15, 2022 to accept the updated CDC guidance *making masking optional*. For additional information on masking please visit, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-childcare-guidance.html#:~:text=CDC%20recommends%20universal%20indoor%20masking,layered%20prevention%20strategies%20in%20place.>

FAQs Cont.

When should my child stay home from school?

Anyone who has symptoms of respiratory or gastrointestinal infections, such as cough, fever, sore throat, vomiting, or diarrhea, should stay home and get tested for COVID-19. If your child tests negative for COVID-19, then the student may return after being symptom free for 24 hours without medication.

What if my child tests positive for COVID-19?

Please contact the school nurse to report that your child tested positive for COVID-19. Quarantine is no longer required for other family members, but masking is recommended. The CDC has updated the guidance for those that test positive for COVID-19. Day 0 for isolation is the onset of symptoms. Day 1 is the first full day after symptoms started. Isolation is to last for five days. Students may return to school on Day 6 if they are fever free without medication and symptoms are improving. Masking may be removed after Day 11. For additional information please refer to the CDC link on isolation.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html>

What are the attendance policies that apply for the 2022-2023 school year?

School districts are required to adhere to state regulations and laws on attendance. Student and families have access to information on attendance in the student handbook and online under district policies. If you have questions, please call the school building administrator to talk through your specific situation. Communication between families and administrators is key to addressing concerns.

Is physical distancing still required?

The CDC is no longer recommending distancing or grouping of students in cohorts.

What happens if there is an outbreak in a classroom, sport, or activity?

The district Pandemic Team will continue to monitor cases and will collaborate with building administrators. Decisions will be based on circumstances in each situation. It may be necessary to temporarily close a classroom or pause a sport or activity. We will do our best to communicate changes quickly to allow families time to make necessary arrangements.

If you have additional questions, please contact your child's school office. Enjoy the last few days of summer and we look forward to welcoming you to the 2022-2023 school year.

Sincerely,



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