



October 15, 2020

Dear KSDS families,

We want to update you on several important items as we plan for the coming weeks.

Calendar Updates

After careful review, we will continue with the hybrid model at least through December, with some changes to on-campus days. We are pleased to share that several specific days have been added for 7th and 8th grades, to provide them with additional on-campus time. [Please consult the full November and December calendars here](#), making particular note of the items in yellow highlights, indicating temporary modifications to some specific calendar dates.

Trimester 2 parent survey (please complete)

During the summer, we asked families to commit to their child's learning environment (fully at-home or on-campus during the grade's on-campus days) for the first trimester (September, October, November). At this time, we are asking all families to commit to your intentions for your child's learning environment for Trimester 2 (December, January, February). **Every family is asked to complete the [Trimester 2 School Intention Survey here](#), by November 5th, so that we can plan appropriately.** Requests for changes following November 5th will be considered on a case-by-case basis, based on availability.

Important Health Policy Update

The slide titled "Managing contact with known or suspected COVID 19 in and out of the home" has been updated and the following language has been added: **Because COVID 19 can create asymptomatic illness, documentation of a negative COVID PCR test at the end of that incubation period is required before school re-entry. If a student gets tested, their healthcare provider, in consultation with our own nursing staff, will inform the individual or parent when isolation may be lifted.** [View slide here](#).

Kvutzot

We are happy to communicate that effective October 19th, *kvutzot* may mix within the same grade-level for outdoor recess and break activities while remaining masked. This change does not apply to the Lower School use of the playground which will continue to be used by one LS *kvutza* at a time. *Kvutzot* will continue to eat lunch separately, and remain separated indoors.

Middle School Athletics

KSDS will offer MS soccer and cross country starting November 2nd. All activities will adhere to the ethical covenant and be held weather-permitting, outdoors and masked. We continue to investigate the feasibility of a basketball season and will provide updates and clarification as it

becomes available. Coach Shannon will be following up with an email to MS students and MS families next week with details, schedules and protocols.

Proper dress

We intend to continue to eat outdoors. This past Monday's rain was the first truly poor weather day since the start of school. We have been most fortunate. However, please ensure that your student is dressed appropriately for each day's weather, and be sure to send your child to school with warm clothing for eating outdoors.

Metrics and reminder to be vigilant

As previously indicated, KSDS monitors multiple metrics related to our assumption of risk related to the reopening of campus and updates our website accordingly. [Updated metrics can be found here](#). It is noteworthy that the positivity rate in Baltimore (County and City) has been increasing over the past week and there are concerning trends upwards in three of the six individual zip codes we monitor (21208, 21209 and 21215), representing areas where the majority of our families reside. With continued vigilance and much caution, we must work together to keep our students, faculty, staff and community safe. It is therefore incumbent on each of us to adhere to the ethical covenant guidelines.

We would like to take this opportunity to once again extend our enormous gratitude to all of the faculty at KSDS. Every day, with boundless energy, commitment and love, they plan enriching learning experiences for all our students, across all of the teaching modes that have become our norm this year. We are working on providing lunch/recess and break supervision coverage for our teachers to assist them with additional opportunities for preparation and collaboration time in their weekly schedules.

Thank you as always for your continued partnership.

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