



September 1, 2020

Dear High School Parents,

We are eager to begin the school year and look forward to an exceptional year ahead. It promises to be fun-filled whether on campus or off, and we appreciate your continued flexibility.

We hope you will take the time to read through all of the information we have thoughtfully put together for you. We realize there are still some unknowns, and we are doing our best to balance those unknowns with firm commitments. One of which is to begin the school year with at least 2 weeks using our online Enrichment Schedule. Another commitment is to provide your student with an online curriculum throughout the school year.

According to Governor Newsom's most recent release of the [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#), all counties are grouped into tiers of risk based on the pervasiveness of COVID infection. Currently, Orange County is in the purple "Widespread" tier level of risk and we will keep a close watch for when this tier level shifts, indicating a full return to campus. In the meantime, refer to the Enrichment Schedule for at least September 8-18.

Please know our priority is to reopen our campus safely and to minimize the chance of future disruption in our students' learning. While we are thrilled to move forward with our plans, the timing of our campus reopening in full is dependent on how quickly Orange County progresses through the designated tiers. Once we are able to fully return, we will do so by first welcoming our senior class and then adding additional classes to ensure compliance with our safety measures and the ability to keep our class cohorts separated.

Be assured in knowing that WSOC has spent the last several months diligently preparing for the return of students to campus, and we have made changes to our facilities to promote social distancing and increase the quality of air in the classrooms. We have also added shade to spaces outdoors, where several teachers will work - weather permitting. Two additional stalls have been added to the girls bathroom and we have an extra hand washing station in the high school to promote frequent hand cleansing throughout the day.

There is a calendar of school events included in your **Back-to-School links**, however the dates below are particular to the high school students:

Sponsored by our enthusiastic WSOC Student Council:

- Open Hike Night – Thursday, September 10
- Netflix Party – Friday, September 11

Strength Conditioning and Sports training on Wednesdays:

- We will offer strength conditioning for all students on campus from 2 pm to 3 pm on Wednesdays. While participation is not mandatory, it is highly encouraged for those who are able to attend. We have written Health and Safety Guidelines that we are adhering to, and the students will remain in their class cohorts.
- Athletic Clearance -- Wednesday, September 16 and 23. We will have a physician on campus to provide health screenings and clear students for athletic participation at a very low cost. All students must have an athletic clearance form on file by October 1. Stay tuned for details from Coach Castro.

Please reach out with any questions that are not answered in our Back-to School information. While we have tried to cover as much as possible, some dates and details are still falling into place. As we navigate these circumstances together, we appreciate your grace and support.

In appreciation and anticipation,

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High School Coordinator