

Frequently Asked Questions from Parents

How will I register my child for school this year? The registration process will be completed online using the BigSIS platform. You will be receiving an email with directions and materials in the coming days.

What should my child bring to school every day? You should be sure to send your child with a spill-proof water bottle, a snack, and a lunch. We will not be able to share food or provide food to children. The children will eat in homerooms, which will not have microwaves or hot water. Please see the linked list for additional supplies, organized by grade level.

How should my child be dressed for school? Please remember that students should be comfortable and ready for many different activities. Class may be held inside classrooms or outside on the campus, so students should have hats and sunscreen. Students will not use locker rooms or change for sports, so their shoes, pants/shorts, and shirts should allow for physical activity. We are relaxing the [4-8 Dress Code](#) somewhat to allow for these changes, but dress should continue to be modest, appropriate, and without large graphics or writing.

What will be the procedure to drop my child off at school each morning? Each morning, you will need to take your child's temperature and fill out a health screening checklist before you bring your child to school. You will be able to complete this on an application called Parent Square that the school will make available. When you pull into a drop off circle, you should remain in your car. As a general rule, students in JK, K, 6, and 8 should be dropped off at the Front Circle, grades 1, 2, and 3 at the Lower School Circle (at the top of the hill on South Madison Street), and grades 4, 5, and 7 at the Art Room Circle. Although you may choose to drop multiple children off together, these circles are closest to the students' designated entrances to their classrooms.

What should I do if I need to bring my child food or materials during the day? Please make every effort to send your child fully prepared each day. If you do need to bring materials, call the school when you arrive and a staff member will meet you in the Front Circle to pick up the materials and will deliver them to the child.

Will my child have a dedicated device at school? We are planning to provide each child in grades 3-8 who needs it with a Chromebook. However, it will be helpful if children who have personal devices use them at school. If your child is able to bring their own laptop or chromebook to school, please let [Lisa Woods](#) know as soon as possible.

What should I do if I need to drop my child off late or pick him/her up early? Anytime you need to drop-off or pick-up your child at a different time than usual, you should alert the homeroom teacher and the front desk. When you drop-off, your child should come to the front desk to check in before going to their homeroom. We ask that everyone be as prompt as possible. When you pick-up early, please call the front desk from the Front Circle. Your child should check out at the desk, then come out to your car.

How will dismissal / pick-up work? Students in JK will be dismissed from the Front Circle at 12:00, K at 2:00, grades 1 and 2 at 3:00. Limited after-care will be available for students in these grades who need to stay to take the 4:00 bus or to wait for older siblings to be dismissed, although we ask that this service be used only by those who truly need it. At 4:00, all bus riders should report to the Lower School Circle. Anyone picking up students in grades JK-3, 6, or 8 should come to the Front Circle. Students in grades 4, 5, and 7 will be dismissed from the Art Room Circle, unless they are being picked up with a younger sibling. In that case, they will be dismissed from the Front Circle as well. Students will wait in their homerooms, and when their car arrives, they will be sent to the appropriate circle. We ask you to display a sign on the passenger sun visor with your family name to help us expedite the dismissal process.

Should my child plan to attend study halls or after school activities? Until further notice, we are not offering study halls or after school activities. Upper school students will have study hall time during the school day. Students should be picked up at their grade's dismissal time unless they are staying to ride the bus or to wait for an older sibling's dismissal time.

Will my child be able to walk to town after school? We will not be allowing groups of students to walk to town at the end of the day. If your child needs to walk to town for a particular reason (e.g. walking home or to a parent's office), please contact the front desk to arrange for an exception.

What should I do if my child feels sick at home? If your child or anyone in your family shows any of the symptoms of COVID-19, please do not send the student to school. Please consult your doctor about testing or next steps and be sure to communicate with the school.

What happens if my child feels sick at school? If your child appears ill, you will be notified and asked to pick-up as soon as possible. Any ill child will be separated from the group until a parent or guardian can pick-up.