



Dear FXW Community,

While it is several weeks away, we have been planning for many months to welcome our students, families, and faculty back safely this fall for the 2021-2022 school year. We are hopeful that this coming year will look and feel more "normal" than this past year, but of course there will be continued safety measures in place. We are planning to welcome students back for in-person, five-day school programming. As you and your child prepare to return in the fall, in advance of our Welcome Packet that will be sent electronically the week of August 9, we wanted to share some important updates below.

This planning is based on the most recent update from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH). Please know this information is fluid and ever-changing. Further protocols

around our health and safety protocols will be forthcoming in the Welcome Packet.

Masks and Student Vaccination Clinic

As of Tuesday, July 27, the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), cited new information about the ability of the Delta variant to spread among vaccinated people, and recommended indoor masks for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to schools, regardless of vaccination status. The Illinois Department of Public Health stated they will follow the CDC guidelines. Therefore, at this time, we will plan to have all students, faculty, and staff wear masks regardless of vaccination status as we begin the school year. If the mandates or recommendations change, we will communicate this to you in a timely manner.

FXW was fortunate to bring the vaccine to campus last winter, as such, we have a provider on standby once vaccinations are available for children younger than 12. Please stay tuned for more information. For those eligible who have not received the vaccine but would like to, we can connect you to our vaccination partner. Please contact community@fxw.org to learn more.

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School Calendar

Click [here](#) to access the 2021-2022 school calendar. Please note this year school will start before Labor Day.

September 1: 2021: First Day for Preschool 2-Day Program

September 1: Grade 4 Clap-In

September 2: 2021: First Day for K-8; Preschool 5-Day and Preschool 3-Day Programs

Virtual Curriculum Event (Recorded)

- Families will receive a link on September 29 to review the Curriculum Video

Uniforms

For the 2021-2022 school year, *we are returning* to the expectation that all students will wear uniforms. More information will be in the Welcome Packet regarding ordering uniforms. However, if you would like to place your orders for uniforms now, please click [here](#). We will also host a uniform swap in early August if you would like to pick up new/gently used uniforms. Stay tuned for more details.

Athletics and Co-Curriculars

Athletics and Co-Curriculars will resume for the upcoming year. An email will be sent in early to mid-August for parents to register for both offerings. **Please remember that sports physicals are separate and different from medical physicals required by the school.** Each child participating in sports must have a sports physical completed and filed with the school prior to participating, even in practice.

Please join us in welcoming Mr. Tom Burke, who is FXW's new Director of Auxilliary Programs, overseeing all after-school programming on both campuses. Read more about Tom Burke [here](#).

Extended Care

We will offer after-school programming at both campuses. The after-school programming will end at 6 p.m. at OSP and 6:15 p.m. at HNC. We will not offer early morning care before the school day starts.

Intercampus Bus

The intercampus bus will run in the morning and afternoon. Again, more information regarding registration, fee structure, and schedule will be available in August.

Teacher Communication

Teachers will return the week of August 23 and you can expect to receive a welcome letter during this week.

We are looking forward to welcoming all of our students, faculty, staff, and parents back on campus for the 2021-2022 school year. As always, if you have any questions, please email communications@fxw.org.

Enjoy the rest of your summer,
The FXW Leadership Team



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