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Dear Families,

It has only been a week since parents drove through campus to pick up report cards and supply bags. While our students are settling into summer fun, our staff is busy preparing for a successful fall reopening of school. Plans are underway for a traditional, face-to-face education while implementing health standards directed by the Department of Health (DOH).

We will rely on official guidelines and medical recommendations in order to hold school “Monday-Friday and Face-to-Face” rather than any other hybrid model that other schools are planning. In order to open, we will adopt measures for on-campus health and safety. We are also blessed with the daily use of the seven large spaces (auditorium, lunchroom, performing arts center, A-2, gym, B-108, Olympic Pavilion), and generous recess times utilizing our five outdoor play spaces throughout campus.

On Campus Learning:

Schedule We are planning for a five-day week schedule for all students, normal school hours, except for teacher prep days. More hours and days in school, with a planned time for teacher prep and training, will be reflected in a revised calendar. More details will be forthcoming in early July.

Enrichment and Extracurricular Planning for regular programming as well as modified programming that allows for continued participation with social distancing is under investigation. This includes specialist classes, electives, NSAE, athletics, after-care, and intermural sports.

Preparing for Interruptions We anticipate being on campus the entire school year. We are also planning to be ready if we need to deliver remote learning intermittently.

Technology Platforms Enhancements are implemented based on feedback, experience, and further research.

While specific plans will be finalized over the next 6-8 weeks, strategies are being developed in the following areas including, but not limited to:

- Sanitizing and cleaning processes.
- Screening and Monitoring: Healthy classmates and keeping illness at bay from the classroom.
- Changes to campus access from visitors, vendors, and volunteers: Health checks at entrances.
- Preparing for possible interruptions: Remaining flexible and prepared.
- Training for all employees on health and safety protocols: August training scheduled.
- Programs and events will be in compliance with applicable state and local orders.
- Complying with DOH requirements of social distancing, health checks, handwashing, and masks will be incorporated into the school routines.

Department of Health and Governor's Requirements The Department of Health requires all K-12 students in the state to bring cloth face coverings to school every day. During my weekly zoom calls with OSPI Chris Reykdal and State Board of Education, I have conveyed the challenges this poses for young children and advocated for flexibility to this requirement.

We are committed to provide a standard of care for our children and we hope in the coming months DOH will clarify their policies. I will keep you posted as regulations change or unfold throughout the summer.

Classroom Community – Experiencing a New Classroom Family Spiritual, social and emotional needs are paramount in the fall. Students are eager to make deep friendships and participate in new grade level activities. We are ready to build the loving, nurturing and friendly fall classrooms that are so enjoyed by students.

Care-a-Thon Funds Thank you for participating in the Care-a-thon. It demonstrated an outpouring of love and assistance to others in our school and community. If you are experiencing the need for support due to the pandemic, Care-a-thon Hardship Tuition Grant applications are available. Contact Dan Richards at [drichards@northshorechristian.org](mailto:d Richards@northshorechristian.org)

Principal Newsletters on Friday Each division will send out information on each grade level. Teacher team will be introduced, and grade level information shared. We are so excited about our grade level teachers for the fall!

Virtual Academy A virtual academy is a new program developed to assist families who want to continue in distance learning with NCA at home. A teacher will be assigned to your student while they learn at home and follow the grade level learning standards. More information can be found on the website under parent resources. You may also contact the Registrar, Admissions Department or me if you would like to receive more information.

Look for regular emails from me throughout the summer. I want to keep you informed each step of the way so we can prepare for a successful fall. Remember that this is a season in time. We have our hopes and hearts set on returning to our traditional routines once this season is behind us.

Thank you for choosing to partner with Northshore for your family's education.

Sincerely,
Holly Leach