



March 5, 2021

Hello FHHS Students & Parents,

In-person school is at our doorstep and I personally am thrilled to be able to meet so many of you for the first time. While we have survived many ups and downs throughout this pandemic, I recognize that remote instruction has been an extreme challenge for many families. One of my youthful memories is of a clipping stuck to the family fridge that said something along the lines of the Will Rogers quote, "The worst thing that happens to you may be the best thing for you if you don't let it get the best of you." In life's most difficult times we are called upon to stretch and grow, and my hope is that we will look back on this time and notice ways in which we became stronger.

For those of you who will continue with remote instruction, I look forward to meeting you in person when you are able to return. Teachers have contacted you about your classes going forward. If you have any questions about these classes, please let me know.

The elementary and middle schools have been operating with students in the building and it has been going remarkably well. This gives us hope that the first day with students in the high school on Monday will go just as smoothly. However, we recognize that some may be feeling apprehensive about the change to in-person school. If so, we hope the following information will help ease any worries:

1. On Monday, March 8 we will begin our new hybrid schedule. Cohort A will be in school from 8:15am - 11:00am, and Cohort B will meet from 12:10pm - 2:55pm. Wednesdays will be set aside for asynchronous learning - i.e., no scheduled classes for in-person learners - but will still feature zoom advisory sessions every other week starting at 8:15am. Please see the attached hybrid schedule.
2. There will be occasional "Early Dismissal Days" throughout the rest of the school year, during which we will revert to zoom classes for all students. The first of these days is scheduled for Friday, March 12. On such days, all students will stay home and access their zoom classes in the morning, with first period starting at 8:15am. This might require special attention for Cohort B students, as their new afternoon schedule will shift to a morning schedule on these days. To find which days will follow this format, please see the attached hybrid schedule.
3. Please make sure to complete your wellness screening in Skyward Monday morning prior to coming to school. We will be asking to see the green check mark on your phone verifying that you have completed your attestation. If you do not have this completed when you arrive at school, you will be asked to complete a paper & pencil attestation at the entrance.
4. Please make sure to wear a mask and social distance yourself throughout the entire school day. Wash/sanitize your hands often.

5. To help with social distancing, make sure to enter the school at the correct location. For students with a last names starting with letters A-L, you can enter the school through the entrance closest to the parking lot. Students with last names M-Z can enter the building through the entrance by the library. Any students can use the school's front entrance if they wish. Doors will open fifteen minutes prior to the start of school. Cohort A students can enter the building at 8:00am and Cohort B students can enter the building at 11:55am. Please see the attached map for more information.

6. Custodians will be disinfecting the school between cohorts, so it is important that all students leave the school according to their assigned schedule. If you are a Cohort A student who participates in extracurricular activities, you will not be able to wait at school for activities which begin after the PM cohort.

7. Students will not have access to any lockers so make sure to keep your school supplies, water bottle, and any other necessities with you in a backpack.

8. If you have any questions about transportation, please email transportation director Kraig Hansen at kraighansen@sjisd.org

To help the school run smoothly and to keep the place safe we really do need the cooperation and help of everyone. Please make sure to read through the attached details of our high school return-to-building plan.

I would like to reiterate how wonderful it has been to see students back at the elementary and middle schools. Just yesterday, our track team competed well at a track meet in Coupeville. We hope to continue to see more in-person activities, including a graduation during which we are able to look into the faces of our seniors to wish them well in their next adventure.

Please let me know if I can help with this transition in any way.

Enjoy your weekend!

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