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August 21, 2020

New Summit Community,

We are SO excited to see all our in-person students on Monday and connect virtually with our eLearning students! As you can imagine, this week has been similar to a beehive, which is a symbiotic relationship of activity, work, and good order. We are a team of very busy bees indeed. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve our families this fall.

Many of our school operations that needed updating are still being finalized to ensure that your child's experience will be a positive one. Please be patient with us as we navigate this new year and all the changes we will experience. We hope this communication will answer some of the many questions you have.

We have had many questions from our eLearning families. We want you to know you have not missed anything! Everything you need to know will be answered with your Learning Coach in a virtual session on Monday. The Learning Coaches will be reaching out to you between today and Monday morning and will provide you with the essential information you need to begin eLearning. Please do not worry if you are unable to login on Monday. You will **not** be counted absent and our Learning Coaches will be in contact with you directly to help you get started.

## In-Person Learning

- **Updated Lunch Menus** - Be on the lookout for an email from your child's teacher with the updated lunch menu. You may also find it on our website [here](#) under "cafeteria" and in the Flyer Connect App. Please disregard the menu that says there will not be breakfast on Wednesday mornings. New Summit is on a different calendar and schedule from the district and will still be providing a breakfast option for our New Summit students. Breakfast will begin at 7:35 AM and no earlier. Please do not drop your child off any time before 7:35 AM.
- **Free and Reduced Lunch Process** - Only fees referenced and approved per Policy JQ-NSCA may be levied. Certain fees may be reduced or waived for students eligible for [free or reduced-price meals](#) under federal poverty income guidelines if a current "Information Release" form is on file authorizing sharing of student eligibility. Application and information regarding the free and reduced-price meal program can be obtained by calling the Academy School District 20 Free and Reduced Meal Registrar at **719-234-1416** or [free-and-reduced@asd20.org](mailto:free-and-reduced@asd20.org).



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- **Volunteers** - We value all of our volunteers and parents. The school is **only** open to employees and essential volunteers. These essential volunteers are determined by administration based on essential needs.
- **First day of school** - We know that the first day of school is important for photos, however, we are not allowing parents into the building to drop their children off. Please say goodbye at the door and be mindful of social distancing from families as they drop off their children. We will have plenty of staff in the building to support your children and help them find their classes.
- **Daily Health Self-Screening** - In order to keep New Summit as healthy as possible, we need every parent's help. Please watch for symptoms in your children and keep them home if they are sick. Notify the school if they will be absent. Students should also stay home if a family member has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or is experiencing symptoms.

Please take your child's temperature before school every morning and monitor for these symptoms:

- 🌡️ Fever of 100.4 or greater or chills
- 🤧 Cough
- 👃 Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- 😫 Fatigue
- 🦿 Muscle or body aches
- 🤯 Headache
- 👃 New loss of taste or smell
- 🗣️ Sore throat
- 👃 Congestion or runny nose
- 🤢 Nausea or vomiting
- 🚽 Diarrhea

\*This list is not all-inclusive. Please consult your medical provider or our school nurse for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning.

- **Drop-Off/Pick Up** - [Drop-Off Process](#) | [Pick-Up Process](#)
  - Please watch the videos above to help clarify the drop-off/pick-up process.



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- The numbers that may have been previously assigned to you are no longer valid. You should have received an email or phone call from your student's teacher giving you the new number that is assigned to your family.
- This number **MUST** be written on a piece of paper and displayed for our pick-up on Monday. New placards will be sent home with students on Monday for families to use starting on Tuesday.
- **How do I find out who my child's teacher is or their school schedule?** If you do not know who your child's teacher is or their Middle School schedule, this can be found in your Infinite Campus Parent Portal account. If you are unable to access this, we will have staff members ready to provide you this information on the first day outside of the front of the school beginning no earlier than 7:35 am. Plenty of staff will be available to ensure that students will be able to find their way to class.

## E-Learning

- **Transition** - The first week of school is a transition period for all of our students and especially for our eLearning students. Students will not begin academic content until after the first week similar to our in-person learning. The goals of the first week are to get your students logged in, trained on the learning management system, the ability to get in contact with your learning coach, exposure to the flow of the courses, setting your at-home learning schedules, setting up your learning space at home, and the needed introductions to the eLearning process this semester.
- **Learning Coaches for eLearning Students** - The following staff members are your first point of contact for your eLearning students. Please begin to contact them first for any questions or concerns you may have. You should have an email from them by Monday morning.
  - Rochelle Ortega- Kindergarten and 1st grade families - [rochelle.ortega@newsummitcharter.org](mailto:rochelle.ortega@newsummitcharter.org)
  - Christine Earnest- 2nd-4th grade families - [christine.earnest@newsummitcharter.org](mailto:christine.earnest@newsummitcharter.org)
  - Stacie Stoddard-Fifth grade families - [stacie.stoddard@newsummitcharter.org](mailto:stacie.stoddard@newsummitcharter.org)
  - Meggan O'Mahony and Stephanie Flores - Middle School families - [meggan.omahony@newsummitcharter.org](mailto:meggan.omahony@newsummitcharter.org) and [stephanie.flores@newsummitcharter.org](mailto:stephanie.flores@newsummitcharter.org)





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- **Computers** - We have limited access to computers due to the demand across the country for Chromebooks. The order for additional computers has been delayed until November. If you have requested a computer, we have set up a priority level of distribution. The highest level of need will receive our current batch of Chromebooks that are available. We only have 25 Chromebooks available at this time. If you have been determined as a high priority by the admin, you will be contacted by Monday with directions on when to pick up your Chromebook.
  - If you have not filled out your Technology Survey yet please do so [here](#) before Monday.
  - We have contacted the course providers and have found that the system works with Chromebooks, iPad, and tablets effectively. The system requirements were not updated on the providers website, however, most of the lessons have been updated and do not need Flash and Java as communicated before.
- **Login Information** - Log-in information for eLearning will be sent by your student's Learning Coach. However, [this link](#) is what you will use to login on Monday. The student's username and password is your student's Student ID that can be found in your infinite campus parent portal. If you are unable to access your parent portal, this information can be found [here](#).
  - Please do not start any lessons in your students account until after you have met virtually with your student's learning coach which will occur on Monday. The schedule for the virtual session will be communicated by your student's Learning Coach.

[Welcome Back to School Video](#)

