Dear Centennial Families,

We're excited to welcome 1,399 Coyotes back to the Centennial campus tomorrow, for our first day of in-person instruction since spring break in mid-March. PUSD continues to meet all three benchmarks in Maricopa County's public health dashboard. As we return about 70% of CeHS students, our district leaders continue to work with their Medical Advisory Team to look at PUSD data holistically in guiding decisions. I want to share some important PUSD and Centennial reminders and updates as we reopen tomorrow:

# **Every Day, Classroom Learners Should...**

- Wear a mask. Please consider bringing a backup.
  - Second period teachers will supply one free disposable backup as well, and our Bookstore will sell additional disposable masks for a \$1 fee.
- Bring a refillable water bottle.
  - The touchless, auto-filling water stations remain active so that students can utilize them to replenish their water throughout the day. Traditional fountains remain off as an added sanitation measure.
- Conduct <u>a home health check</u> before coming to school.
  - Stay home any time that you're feeling unwell. Be sure to call the attendance office to verify your absence: 623-412-4405 or 4406.

## **Tomorrow Before School: Use StudentVUE to Find Your Classrooms**

Log into <u>ParentVUE</u> or <u>StudentVUE</u> to find your list of classrooms. The "Class Schedule" left menu option will display your classes, teachers, and room numbers. ParentVUE and StudentVUE are accessible on most mobile phones, but you may want to print your schedule before visiting campus. If you cannot access your schedule on a mobile device or printer, please visit the Library upon your arrival, and we will provide a copy to you.

# Tomorrow During Second Period: We Are Excited to Open! Let's Work Together to Stay Open!

Second period teachers will review key COVID safety precautions tomorrow and traditional student handbook pieces throughout the remainder of the week. Students will receive printed copies of the below awareness statements, which they and their parent must sign and submit by this coming **Friday, October 2**<sup>nd</sup>. Second period teachers will use their gradebooks to indicate their receipt of these items. Please talk through these documents with your Coyote, and please help to ensure he/she hands them in by Friday:

Student Handbook	COVID-19 Awareness	<b>Bring Your Own Device</b>
<u>Awareness</u>		<u>Policy</u>

**Bell Schedule Update: Passing Periods Extended** 

After consulting with our teachers and student leaders, we have decided to lengthen the passing periods in our regular daily bell schedule. Because we're implementing one-way hallway traffic patterns in many of the buildings, and because we're trying to create circumstances that allow teachers the option to sanitize between classes, passing periods will be extended from five to eight minutes. On Modified Wednesdays, passing periods will remain five minutes in length. Students will still have 40-minute lunch periods in the regular daily schedule. Virtual learners should plan to interact with teachers during the timeframes indicated in the updated schedule:

#### **Updated Centennial Bell Schedule**

# **Food Service Changes Start Tomorrow**

The USDA's decision to extend its free meal program allows PUSD to offer all learners a free breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack pack. Students must present an ID to receive breakfast and lunch. Because ID's have not yet been printed, students can either present their ID from last year, provide their printed class schedule from this year, or show their phone screen with their StudentVUE "Student Info" page loaded. The old ID's, current class schedules, and StudentVUE "Student Info" screen all contain our students' ID numbers. Students do not need to provide ID's in order to receive afternoon snack packs.

#### **In-Person Learners**

Breakfast will be served daily from the Snack Bar window, from 6:45 until 7:15am. Lunch will be served from both the Cafeteria and Snack Bar. Our cafeteria staff will serve snack packs daily from 2:20 to 2:40pm, in front of the Peace Pole.

#### **Virtual Learners**

Beginning tomorrow, virtual learners can utilize any of the below locations to pick up breakfast and lunch:

Breakfast and Lunch Pickup Locations				
Oasis Elementary	Pioneer Elementary	Ira A. Murphy Elementary		
10:00-10:45am	9:30-10:15am	10:00-10:45am		
Heritage Elementary	Sunset Heights Elementary	Lake Pleasant Elementary		
11:00-11:45am	10:00-10:45am	10:00-10:45am		

Snack Pack Pickup Locations				
Oakwood Elementary	Liberty High School			
3:30-4:45pm	4:00-5:30pm			

## **Yearbook Pictures and ID's**

School yearbook (9-11) and ID pictures (9-12) are tentatively planned for Thursday and Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. We will communicate opportunities each day for virtual learners to visit campus to take their pictures and will share more information in the coming weeks. Seniors will

only take an ID picture on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> because of the special yearbook photo requirements reiterated below:

Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors
Yearbook and ID Pictures	Yearbook and ID Pictures	Yearbook and ID Pictures
Thursday, October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Friday, October 16 <sup>th</sup>

#### Seniors

<u>ID Pictures</u> Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

<u>Yearbook Pictures</u>
October 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> and October 17<sup>th</sup>
Prestige Photography
Call 480-296-2880 to Schedule an Appointment

Questions? Contact <u>CeHSYearbook@pusd11.net</u> Click Here for Info about Senior Ads and Yearbook Purchases

## Mask Accommodations: Contact Your School Counselor

Facial coverings are required on campus. Students who must pursue mask accommodations in relation to a disability must work with their parents and school counselor to request accommodations through the Section 504 process. Principals, teachers, and other staff do not have authority to grant an accommodation unilaterally. In the case of a request, the counselor will convene a 504 team that includes the student, his parent, his teachers, an administrator, and the counselor. Together, they'll determine eligibility for an accommodation. While awaiting this meeting, students must comply with the on-campus face covering regulation or engage in remote learning. Any appropriate accommodation will meet individual needs while maintaining the integrity of our school's health and safety mitigation plan. Remote learning, see-through face shields, and clear desktop barriers are among the many accommodations that a 504 team might consider.

#### **Bus Routes**

Please <u>click here</u> to download Centennial's bus routes. Pages 1 - 4 cover morning pickup times. Pages 4 - 8 share afternoon drop-off times.

# **Family Resources**

 Our district's nurses published this <u>health and safety video</u> for families preparing to send children back to in-person learning.

- Review <u>Preparing for the Return to School</u> document with a checklist of helpful information for families.
- A complete list of health and safety procedures in available via our <u>Return to School Plan</u> and our <u>FAQ's</u>.

### **Athletics and Arts Events**

Please <u>click here</u> to review Mr. Jelovic's athletic communication from last week. We recognize that many in our community want to attend games and events that support Centennial's athletes and performers. That support system is so valuable to our students. In order to promote safety and preserve appropriate distancing, in most cases, our athletes and performers will be granted two free tickets for parents or other spectators to attend home events, but please review Mr. Jelovic's letter to ensure you understand the options available for your particular fall sport. Remember that for away AIA games, the spectator ticket policy is determined by the opposing school district. Please contact them for more information.

Remember that the limited attendees at Centennial home events must wear masks for the duration of the event, per our current city and county-wide mask mandate. All attendees will be encouraged to physically distance as well. Much like returning to school, we will be monitoring COVID-19 data, and working with the AIA for sporting events, and update you as it is safe to phase-in larger audiences to support our students and teams.

## **Welcome Back, Welcome Home**

It's hard to believe that six months have passed since our students spent time with their teachers and each other, in-person. Tomorrow's reopening is exciting for all of us. We want to stay open, and we will all have to work together to do that. Please remind your Coyote about the importance of our mask policy. Many of our teachers, staff, and students feel safe returning solely because of our promise to honor this and other safety precautions.

Student Council spent time last week and Friday night decorating the campus for our return tomorrow. Many of their fun signs capture what we want to share with every student, teacher, and family: Welcome Back to School! We Missed You! We Love our Coyote Family!

Thanks for your partnership!

Mr. Hollabaugh Principal

