



Climax-Scotts Community Schools

Where Students Are More Than A Test Score!

Dear CS Families,

I hope that this letter finds you well and your summer has been as enjoyable as possible. We are preparing for face to face instruction as well as providing a full online option for our students. As of right now we are scheduled to begin classes with a half day on September 8th, with elementary dismissal at 12:21.

To assist with bus disinfecting between routes, our elementary school hours have changed to:

Full Day: 8:55 – 3:51; Half Day: 8:55 – 12:21.

We understand that you likely have a lot of questions and are seeking clarification.

Please look at our Q&A page on the other side of this letter.

This school year will be like none other as we navigate through some major changes to our education system in response to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Obviously, your student will see many changes to their school day this year. These changes were developed with the safety and wellbeing of our staff and students in mind. These changes are provided through parent/student resources as well as our "Return to Learn Plan" which are posted on our web pages at www.csschools.net. I encourage and recommend all parents to spend time with their student reading and learning these changes.

I am excited to begin the school year and look forward to your student's arrival. As a staff we will continue to develop ourselves professionally as we continue to provide a quality learning environment for our students. I look forward to continuing the great work being done for our students. This is a community school, which means we need to educate as a community.

I wish you all a great and rewarding school year and hope to meet you and your student soon!!

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Elementary Back to School Q&A

What are the options my student has for the upcoming school year?

- A. Your student can choose between 3 options offered through CS
- Face to Face -5 days a week instruction with teachers using a blend of our own online curriculum (Accelerator)
 - Online option at home using online curriculum (Accelerator).
 - Online option to use Kalamazoo Virtual Instructional Collaboration (KVIC) using Michigan Virtual curriculum.

When do we need to decide?

For CS online learning we are asking you to decide by August 24th. You can enroll in KVIC at any time but cannot return to your home district for that school year.

How do we enroll in either online program?

For CS students who want to utilize the accelerator online program, you will need to contact Teri Peters at teri.peters@cssschools.net or 269-497-2102. In order to enroll for KVIC please access the enrollment forms are found on our website as well at www.cssschools.net. Following completion of the forms you will need to contact Kim Langs at kim.langs@cssschools.net.

Will my child be required to wear a mask all day? Can they wear a shield?

YES, your student will have to wear a mask all day unless they have medical documentation stating otherwise. No, students cannot wear shields unless they have medical documentation stating otherwise. ‘

Will there be consequences if my student does not wear a mask?

YES, for the safety of staff and students we will have a strictly enforced policy regarding the wearing of facemasks. We understand that there will be a learning curve for our students as these habits are established, however, continued infractions will require discipline up to and including a removal to our online learning model.

If I start out face to face can I then move online?

YES, that move is allowed at any time with the following conditions in place:

- If you choose to enroll in CS Accelerator that student would have to finish that semester before being allowed to re-enter CS face to face learning.
- If you choose to enroll in KVIC you would need to make a commitment to remain for the rest of the year.

Will my student still get to participate in extracurricular activities if I choose an online option?

YES, in either online option you can continue to participate in band, sports etc.

Will my student be using an online curriculum even if they go to school (face to face)?

YES, we are pairing some of the Accelerator program with our own curriculum in our classrooms in case at some point we are forced into a closure requiring remote learning. If that were to happen, we feel that transition will be much easier for our students, families, and teachers.

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