



# ***Climax-Scotts Community Schools***

*Where Students Are More Than A Test Score!*

August 12, 2020

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, (Students dismissed at 11:08AM). We understand that you probably have a lot of questions and are seeking clarification. Please look at our FAQ page included in this mailing.

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. To give everyone our most up to date and important information we will be having student orientations for all 6-12 students and families. Due to the local health department guidelines we will only be allowing (1) parent to attend the orientation per student. If you do have a divided home, we are allowing (2) parents to attend in those instances. We are also requiring that masks be worn, and social distancing is strictly followed during the orientation(s).

Monday August 24<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6:15 p.m. Student Orientation for grade(s) 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. (Football Field)  
Monday August 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:15 p.m. Student Orientation for grade(s) 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. (Football Field)  
Monday August 24<sup>th</sup> 7:15-8:00 p.m. Open-House **ONLY for 6<sup>th</sup> graders and any new students to the district.** We will be requiring masks to be worn as well as maintaining social distancing within the building.

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.cssschools.net](http://www.cssschools.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!!

Brent Cole  
Principal

## Back to School FAQ

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

- A. Your student can choose between 2 options offered through CS schools and one through Kzoo County.
  - a. CS-Face to Face -5 days a week instruction with teachers using an online curriculum (Edmentum)
  - b. CS-Online option at home using the same online curriculum (Edmentum) that we will be using in our CS classrooms assisted by CS teachers.
  - c. Online option to use Kalamazoo Virtual Program using Michigan Virtual curriculum supported by other district teachers.

When do we need to decide?

- A. For CS online learning we are asking you to decide by August 24<sup>th</sup> but encourage you to let us know sooner so we can plan accordingly. 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?

- A. For CS online option you will just need to contact Mr. Cole at [brent.cole@csschools.net](mailto:brent.cole@csschools.net) or 269-746-2301. To enroll with KVIC you will need to go online at [www.csschools.net](http://www.csschools.net) and follow the KVIC online enrollment options found in our "Return to Learn Plan" tab.

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

- A. YES! Your students 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.

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

- A. 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. But, continued infractions will require discipline up to and including a removal to our online learning model.

What if I start out face to face can I move online?

- A. YES! That move is allowed at any time with the following conditions in place.
  - a. If you choose to enroll in CS Edmentum that student would have to finish that semester before being allowed to re-enter CS face to face learning.
  - b. 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?

- A. YES! In either online option you can continue to participate in extracurricular activities at CS.

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

- A. YES! We are using the same online curriculum in our classrooms as will be available to CS students who select our CS online curriculum. Why? We feel it is very possible that at some point we may be forced into a closure requiring remote learning. If that were to happen, we feel that transition will be much easier for our students, parents and teachers. Hopefully, a much better experience than what we went through at the end of last year.