

July 30, 2021

Dear FCA Families,

We pray that this summer has been a wonderful and refreshing time for you. As is always the case, it is hard to believe that a new school year is nearly here.

We remain extremely grateful that FCA was able to have a regular 5 day a week schedule last school year and we are thankful for the many adjustments that staff, parents, and students made as we worked together to accomplish that goal. Thank you, and praise God for his faithfulness.

Below is information about the upcoming school year.

See you soon,

The FCA Admin Team

2021-2022 School Year Highlights

Masks are not mandated for the 2021-2022 school year.

Students and staff may wear masks if they choose to do so.

Masks may be mandated on public school busses, please check with your child's public school district for their mask requirement.

Safety measure that will remain in place include:

- Increased cleaning and sanitizing of high touch areas
- Focus on hand washing
- Mitigation of congestion by maintaining streamlined drop off/pick up procedures
- Education on proper sneeze/cough strategies
- Knights' Pledge

Back to School Orientation

This year we will be offering two Meet Your Teacher opportunities. Families can drop off school supplies and meet their teachers from 1:00 – 3:00 on Wednesday, August 18 and Monday, August 23rd. In addition, we will be sharing a virtual meet the staff, so watch your email! Please do not arrive to the Meet Your Teacher sessions early because the teachers will be in a meeting and the classrooms will be locked until 1:00. Homeroom assignments and class lists will be posted in the foyer. Additionally, there will be tables in the foyer to place communal school supplies like tissues, computer paper, paper towels, etc. Individual school supplies may be taken to the classroom. The school nurse will be available during both of the Meet Your Teacher sessions to receive medication and medical forms.

Drop Off/Pick-Up Procedures

Drop off and Pick up will remain the same as last school year in an effort to mitigate hallway congestion.

Morning Arrival

Students may arrive at school no earlier than 7:35 and should proceed directly to their assigned homeroom. Students must be present in their homeroom by 8:05 or they will be marked tardy. One way car/bus traffic around the building will continue. In the morning, all traffic will enter from Whittier Street. Parents who plan to walk their K - 1 student into the building will enter the lane that parallels the large playground and then continue straight into the main parking lot. Parents who are dropping students off (not coming in the building) will turn left at the end of the lane that parallels the large playground. Parents will then choose the Door E or Door B option. Parents dropping students at Door E should immediately turn left again before the white gym doors (i.e. make a U-Turn) and proceed to Door E and drop students off and then exit out on to Whittier St. Parents dropping students at Door B should continue straight (parallel to the small playground) and choose either the left or right lane depending on which way they need to turn out onto N. Columbus Street (map will be provided). Students in grades K-5 should enter through Door E. Students in grades 6-12 should enter through Door B. Families who have both elementary and secondary students should use the Door E option, and secondary students will immediately go up the stairs and proceed through the tile floor gym to their homeroom after being dropped at Door E with their younger siblings. Student drivers who are bringing a younger K-5 sibling will park and all enter together through Door B. The students in K-5 will then use the Worship Center as a cut through to the elementary hallway. Only students in grades K and 1 may be walked to their classroom by parents and only for the first two weeks of school until the student has established independence. As soon as parents and students are comfortable, students should be dropped at the designated door and should walk independently to their classrooms. Parents who wish to walk a student in Grades K-1 to their homerooms must enter the lot from Whittier St and use the right lane that parallels the large playground to continue straight into the parking lot. Parents will then enter through Door C and walk students to their classroom. In order to accommodate all families who wish to walk their K and 1 students to their classroom, parents should not linger after the student has entered the classroom. No parking is available in the parking lot between Door D and the large playground. All other students should be dropped at the designated door and parents should not accompany them into the building.

Afternoon Departure

Elementary students will be released through Doors C and D. K, 1 and 2 will be released between 2:45 and 2:55 from Door C. Each class will be walked to the door one at a time. K will be at 2:45, 1 will be at 2:50 and 2 will be at 2:55. Parents should be prompt and waiting outside Door C. Students in Grades 3-4 will be released through Door D between 2:50 and 3:00 one at a time. Grade 3 will be at 2:50 and Grade 4 will be at 2:55. Parents should be prompt and waiting outside Door D. Grade 5 will be released independently at 3:00 (as they always have) and should immediately exit through Doors C or D. Individual pick up plans will be established for families with multiple children. Should you have a question or concern about a situation unique to your family, please contact Dannelle Ashley (dashley@fcaknights.us), and she will work directly with you to establish a pick up plan for your family.

Students in grades K-5 may enroll in FCA's after school program through the Childcare and Preschool office. Please contact lputinski@fcaknights.us to secure a place in our school age after school care program. Care is provided until 5:30 PM.

Chapel

Secondary Chapel is on Wednesdays at 8:15. The first chapel of the year is Wednesday, September 1.

Elementary Chapel will be held on Tuesdays this year at 8:15. Parents, grandparents and younger siblings are welcome to attend once again! Pre-Covid rules remain in place: your child may come sit with you during chapel, but this privilege is only for your child; your child's friends must remain with the class.

Knights' Pledge

The [FCA Knights Pledge](#) remains in place. If your child is sick, please keep them home. If your child or someone in your household is being tested for Covid, your child may not attend school until test results are available.