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Thank you to all that attended conferences this past week. Given our unique school year, we were glad the teachers were able to provide insight into your child's first quarter of learning. Our teachers and staff have worked diligently to ensure we are providing the best remote learning experience possible. Our teachers have shared prep periods to collaborate with with one another, analyze data, and plan. This has helped us to mirror the remote time period with in person learning as close as we possibly can.

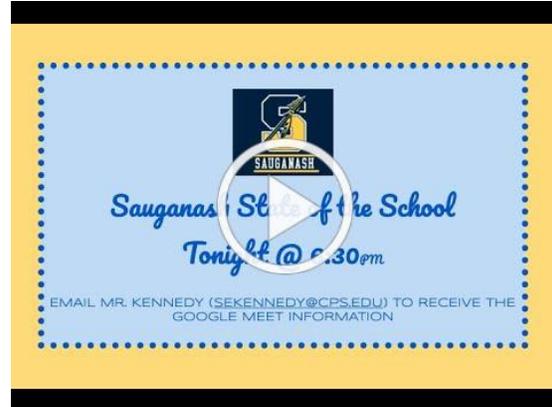
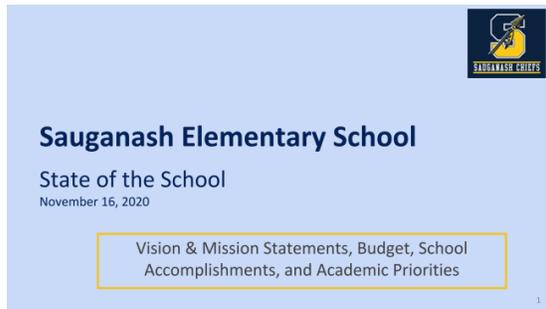
I am sure everyone has heard by now the districts plan to return to an in person hybrid model for K-8 students starting February 1, 2021. We have attached the detailed communication from central office at the bottom of this newsletter. There are still details to be worked out but that is a date to save on your calendar as of now. We understand there are daily and even hourly changes in our current landscape but wanted to make sure everyone was aware of the current plan.

A masterful start to 2nd Quarter so far with great attendance for the most part and students carrying their momentum into these winter months! Also, Google/CPS sends out class reports to the teachers daily with a timestamp of when the student's enter & exit. There have been instances of students missing a certain class during the day or signing off before prompted, these occurrences negatively impact their grade so please help us encourage good habits. Please remember

that special classes rotate on a weekly basis. The teachers will continue to update their Google Classroom banners to help the students visualize their daily & weekly schedules.

We have some great school-wide events coming up for our students.
We hope everyone has a wonderful weekend.
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2020-2021 Sauganash State of the School Deck & Recording



If you have yet to submit your child's immunization and physical form to the school office, please do so as soon as possible. We understand these are challenging times, if you need assistance please reach out to our school nurse Mary Curbis at mcurbis@cps.edu.

There has been preliminary guidance regarding sitting for NWEA test this winter for 7th & 8th Graders. Administration has a meeting Monday with the Office of Assessment, where we will receive final guidance and share with our families. Thanks for your patience.



MON
11/30
JERSEY
DAY



SAUGANASH
SPIRIT
WEEK
NOV 30-DEC 4

TUES
12/1
PAJAMA
DAY



WED 12/2
DRESS TO
IMPRESS DAY



DRESS SUCCESS

THURS
12/3
SAUGANASH
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FRIDAY 12/4 - COLOR DAY

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| Kdg - Purple | 5th - Yellow |
| 1st - Green | 6th - Gray |
| 2nd - Blue | 7th - Red |
| 3rd - Black | 8th - Orange |
| 4th - White | Staff - Navy Blue |

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Sauganash School of
LIGHTS

Please drive down Kilpatrick Ave from dusk on Friday December 4th through dusk January 3rd to see the staff-made light displays in the windows!

Latest CPS Communication

Dear CPS Families,



We know that the best place for your child to learn is in the classroom, and we have been working tirelessly to prepare our buildings to welcome students and staff back to school. Following the guidance of our public health officials, we are planning to begin opening our school buildings for families who choose to return following winter break. Students enrolled in pre-k and moderate and intensive cluster programs will have the option to return on Monday, Jan. 11, 2021, and students in K-8 will be able to return on Monday, Feb. 1. High school students who learn in general education settings will continue learning at home, and we will continue to evaluate options for a return to in-person learning for those students in 2021.

To prepare for the safe return to school buildings, families of children who are eligible to return will be contacted later this month to understand their preferred learning setting following winter break.

Tentative timeline for returning to school based on public health conditions and guidance

| Week | Staff | Families |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| November 23, 2020 | Intent-to-return form sent to K-8 staff. Educator Guidance released | Opt-in form sent to all families of students in Pre-K-8 and cluster programs. Please note that families who responded to the survey in October do not need to re-submit if their preference has not changed. Parent Handbook released |
| December 7, 2020 | Intent-to-return deadline for K-8 staff | Opt-in form submission deadline |
| January 4, 2021 | Pre-K and cluster program staff return | |
| January 11, 2021 | | Students in pre-k and cluster programs return |
| January 25, 2021 | K-8 staff return | |
| February 1, 2021 | | K-8 students return |

According to public health data, schools can be open safely.

While COVID-19 remains an incredibly serious threat to our community, the public health data in Chicago and across the nation show that schools are [rarely a source of COVID-19 transmission](#). With this new understanding of COVID-19, we must challenge the assumption that school buildings must stay closed and do everything we can to bring students back to school.

Although COVID-19 cases are rising in many areas, numerous states in the U.S. and [countries in Europe](#) are keeping schools open because mitigation strategies have proven to be successful.



Today, Governor Pritzker moved Illinois to Tier 3 of the [Restore Illinois Mitigation Plan](#) beginning this Friday, Nov. 20, in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. While our schools can continue to operate because they play an essential role in the lives of students and families and are not a significant source of viral transmission, high school sports including practices and competitions will be paused until further notice.

Getting students into schools at an early age is arguably the most consequential intervention in our toolbox to boost their long-term academic success, career prospects, and lifetime earnings. This year, however, enrollment in pre-k plummeted 44 percent among Black students and 29 percent among Latinx students. As a matter of equity, this is simply unacceptable.

And pre-k students are far from the only ones who need our help. Due to the immense burden placed on parents to support home-based learning, we have also seen attendance plummet among our students with significant needs. In a recent survey, more than five thousand families told us they wanted to come back to school because online learning was simply not working for their child.

School buildings will look [different](#)

Schools will look and feel very different when teachers and students return. To support the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's five key strategies for mitigating COVID-19 transmission, schools will take the following safety measures:

1. Anyone entering a school building for more than 10 minutes will be required to complete a health screener before coming to school to ensure they are free of COVID-19 symptoms and to support the Chicago Department of Public Health's contact tracing efforts.
2. Students and staff who are symptomatic or have had close contact with someone who tested positive will not be allowed to enter the building and will be provided access to free COVID-19 tests through either established primary care providers or city partners
3. Anyone entering a school building will also have their temperature checked and be required to wear a face covering, which the district will provide for every student and staff member.
4. Signs have been installed throughout the building to help students socially distance, and desks and classroom furniture will be spaced further apart.
5. Hand sanitizer stations are placed throughout the building to help everyone practice good hand hygiene.
6. Classrooms have been cleaned from top to bottom and facilities staff members will implement an enhanced cleaning routine.
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To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, every classroom will have a HEPA air purifier that will remove 99.99% of airborne mold, bacteria, and viruses. By placing a HEPA air purifier directly in the classroom near students and staff, we can better capture particles, clean the air, and reduce the risk of indoor transmission of viruses and bacteria.

We also hired independent state-certified environmental specialists to test schools for [indoor air quality](#), and classrooms have been checked to ensure they are properly ventilated and meet [ASHRAE's](#) standards. Families can check the status of their child's classroom by visiting cps.edu/airquality.

Help flatten the curve this holiday season so schools can reopen in the new year

We hope that we will be able to welcome back students beginning in January, but we must continue

CDC 5 Key Mitigation Strategies for COVID-19 Transmission

- 1) Consistent and correct use of masks
- 2) Social distancing to the largest extent possible
- 3) Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette
- 4) Cleaning and disinfection
- 5) Contact tracing in collaboration with local health department



and students need to isolate due to exposure outside of school. For that reason, CDPH has determined that in order for schools to reopen, the length of time over which cases double will need to extend by at least a 50 percent, which will indicate that community spread is stabilizing and the curve is flattening. In Chicago, that will mean moving from the city's current doubling rate of 12 days to at least 18 days by the time classes begin.

We thank you for your patience as we work closely with public health officials to reopen schools safely. We wish you a happy, healthy holiday season and will continue communicating regularly about our plan to reopen Chicago's schools in early 2021

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taking all necessary steps to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, especially during the holiday season. We urge everyone to follow Chicago's [stay-at-home advisory](#), avoid travel, and limit holiday gatherings to only those in your households. The sooner we flatten the curve, the sooner all students will be able to return to school.

While the science is clear that school can proceed safely with mitigations like the ones we have implemented, CDPH is closely watching the citywide growth in cases — as determined by the amount of time it takes for case counts to double — because case growth can disrupt educational activities as more staff

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