

July 27, 2020 – Monday Update – 2 Weeks from the Start of School

Dear Knoxville Christian School Knights Family,

We are only two weeks away from the first day of school. Both our faculty and staff have been busy preparing not only for the first day of school but also for the entire school year. While there will be some differences to our standard first day of school and the start of the school year, there will also be a constant focus that remains unchanged – providing for each student a safe environment that is conducive to a challenging and well-rounded education.

The following updates are intended to answer more questions as we get closer to the start of school. Your patience and understanding are so greatly appreciated as your Knoxville Christian School team prepare for the best year ever at KCS. Please feel free to ask questions as you feel necessary. In these times of information overload, I would like to encourage you to remain open, support the faculty and staff, and help celebrate and embrace the Knoxville Christian School uniqueness.

For the Kids!

Robert W. “Bobby” Simpson
Head of School

This PDF will include some 1) general updates and then updates specific to our 2) Early Learning Center & Elementary; and 3) then Middle School & High School.

1) GENERAL UPDATES:

- The next update will be delivered on Tuesday, August 4. This will be the day after our Faculty returns to campus on August 3.
- Our Open House, scheduled for Thursday, August 6, is being modified. In order to reduce the number of people on campus, Open House will be only for new students/families on campus. More details next week but plan on meeting at 6pm for one hour. We will give details on how to make reservations in the update on Tuesday, August 4.

KCS STANDARDS REMINDER:

- Create a safe and healthy environment for all students, faculty, and staff
- Ensure high-quality education that promotes student learning
- Comply with governmental standards, guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Knox County Health Department, and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).
- Speak candidly about expectations from us and all members of the Knoxville Christian School community

Following is the latest from the CDC regarding COVID-19 Screening. These questions should be asked or monitored of your students before their arrival on campus each day.

CDC Covid-19 Screening Questionnaire

Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 48 hours:

- fever or chills
- cough
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- fatigue
- muscle or body aches
- headache
- new loss of taste or smell
- sore throat
- congestion or runny nose
- nausea or vomiting
- diarrhea

- Within the past 14 days, have you been in close physical contact (6 feet or closer for at least 15 minutes) with a person who is known to have laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 or with anyone who has any symptoms consistent with COVID-19?

- Are you isolating or quarantining because you may have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 or are worried that you may be sick with COVID-19?

- Are you currently waiting on the results of a COVID-19 test?

2) EARLY LEARNING CENTER & ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UPDATES:

As stated last week, temperature checks will take place upon arrival on campus. Face masks will be required for students in K-5 arriving on campus and when walking to class. After arrival in class, face masks will not be required. Each teacher will determine if face masks will be required when students are traveling in common areas. Our school is proud of its smaller class sizes and we will use this to our advantage as we promote as normal as possible a classroom environment.

NOTE: This summer we had many students on campus each day ranging in age from 3 years through 6th grade. With temperature checks and enhanced cleaning, we have had a clean, positive and productive summer.

3) MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL UPDATES:

- As stated last week, temperature checks will take place upon arrival on campus. Face masks will be required for students in MS/HS arriving on campus, when walking to class, and in common areas. Face masks will not be required in classrooms, and in other areas where appropriate

distancing is possible. Additionally, class sizes will be monitored, and classes will be relocated as necessary in order to promote the best learning environment for each student.

- On the first day of school, Monday, August 10, MS/HS students will be directed to initially report to the appropriate home room teacher at a properly sized location. An orientation will take place for each class to discuss what is new for the 2020-2021 school year, address protocol and answer questions.
- Knoxville Christian School believes the best opportunity for teaching/learning is in the physical classroom with teacher and students. However, Distance Learning will be available for MS/HS students that deem it necessary due to COVID-19 reasons. Procedures will be implemented to daily or weekly notify the school should a student desire to take advantage of distance learning. More details will be forthcoming about this option.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We are excited to partner with you, our families, as we provide a quality Christian education to our students. We believe in the power of prayer and ask that you continue to pray for our school, our students and families, and our community. Should you have any questions you can send an email to info@kcsknights.org.