

August 20, 2020

Dear Oregon School District Families,

I am writing to share a number of informational topics this week, including:

- An update on fall planning and timelines;
- Annual online registration begins next week;
- OSD 2020-2021 meal service [interest form](#);
- A note on visitors to buildings; and
- Health tips from our school nurses.

As we get closer to the beginning of the school year and continue to finalize processes and operations, you will be receiving increased communication from the District, your schools and teachers. We will continue to organize messages in a way that helps you to quickly find the information you need. Thank you for taking the time to review this information to help your student(s) prepare for the school year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Leslie Bergstrom - Superintendent

Fall Planning

Since our last update, we have continued working diligently through all the details necessary for the start of school. Highlights include refining student schedules, teacher assignments, staffing, health & safety processes, contact tracing, and school materials / supply distribution. Within the next week you can expect to hear from your student's school with information specific to your child for the start of the school year. In the interim, here are some high-level timelines:

- August 21 (afternoon): teachers assignments emailed to grade K-6 families
- August 21 (afternoon): small group cohort assignments emailed to grade K-4 families who chose Oregon Phased Restart
- August 24: Annual Online Registration begins
- August 24: Schedules for grades 7-12 available in Infinite Campus Portal
- September 1-4: "Ready-Set-Go" conferences and curbside pickup (grade K-8 families)
- September 8: Classes begin (all students will be online this week)

- September 14 - 18: Small cohort groups begin for students in grade K-4 families who selected Oregon Phased Restart

Annual Online Registration: August 24

All students must complete the annual online registration process to be registered for the 2020-2021 school year. It is imperative that all families complete the online registration process to ensure we have your updated contact information and understand preferences related to video recording and photo permissions. You will receive an email from OSD Registrar, Jennifer Hansen, on August 24 with instructions for completing the annual update. If you require assistance in completing registration, please contact Jennifer at jrhansen@OregonSD.org or 608-835-4033.

“Ready-Set-Go” Conferences and Curbside Material Pickup (Kindergarten - Grade 8 students)

All students entering Kindergarten - Grade 8 will be invited to schedule a conference with their teacher. The purpose of this conference is to provide an opportunity for teachers to meet students and to begin the important relationship that will set the foundation for learning this year. The conferences will be 20 minutes in length and will be held either in-person or virtually, pending public health guidance. You will be contacted by your teacher next week to schedule this conference. Additional information about curbside material pickup will come in a future communication.

2020-2021 Meal Service Program

When the new school year begins on September 8, the Department of Public Instruction requires that we transition from offering free meal service to all students (based on a waiver in place until September 4) to the normal requirements where families must pay for meals and [apply for free/reduced priced meals](#). Contact Sarah at osdmeals@OregonSD.org or 608-835-4036 for questions.

We will offer a drive-thru site at Netherwood/Prairie View daily as well as a delivery option to your home or wherever your students are within the district boundaries. Our current plan is to offer meals on a daily basis; however, this may vary for the delivery option depending on the numbers and locations of families who choose this offering. To help us plan for quantities and staffing, [please complete this interest form](#).

Visitors in OSD Facilities

As we prepare for the school year, our buildings are starting to be utilized by staff with clear requirements to wear masks and maintain social distance. To continue to limit

potential exposure and spread of the virus, buildings are not open to the public at this time.

Health Tips

As we prepare for a phased reopening, it is important for families and children to be mindful of preventative measures that can be taken to control the spread of germs. Below are links to three videos prepared by our OSD school nurses. I encourage you to watch these videos and share the messages about masks & distance and handwashing with your students.

[A Health Message for Parents/Guardians](#)

[Masks & Distance \(for children\)](#)

[Handwashing \(for children\)](#)