

Junior High School

Re-Opening Information

We are eager to welcome our students back to campus with our ***Every Student, Every Day Plan***. We plan to reopen King's Schools on August 31st to in-person learning. King's is intent on creating a dynamic learning environment that seeks to engage our students' academic, spiritual, social and physical needs as we are able.

However, if there are new restrictions and we are unable to meet in-person, we are prepared to implement an updated remote-learning experience. We have received wonderful parent feedback from our Spring 2020 remote learning survey and are prepared to re-engage this experience with fresh insight and feedback from our King's community.

Beginning August 31st when schools reopen for in-person learning: All students and their families are required to adhere to our mandatory school procedures which include:

1. Passing a health screening every day
2. Wearing masks before, during and after school with the exception of athletics/gym
3. Washing and sanitizing hands frequently at school
4. Adhering to social distancing guidelines of six feet apart on school grounds.

As directed by the Washington Department of Health, students may use face shields as an alternative to a cloth face covering. If used, face shields should extend below the chin, to the ears, and have no gap at the forehead.

These Fall 2020 guidelines are to help prevent an increase in COVID-19 cases in the United States and particularly the State of Washington/King County. King's Schools is committed to adhering to the regulations (state and federal) that pertain to the provision of in-person learning. It is the desire of King's Schools to provide a healthy and safe environment for our students, faculty, and staff. This communication is not intended to be comprehensive as state and federal guidelines continue to change.

Below is communication specific to Fall 2020 including topics such as: **arrival/ departure, health and safety measures, lunch, student life, assemblies and chapel, athletics, extra-curricular clubs, international student programming, and bus transportation.** These are intended to supplement previously released information regarding these topics. We intend to update this page as needed.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

All students, faculty, and staff will be required to pass a health screening as part of their entry to campus. King's is in the process of making final decisions on a student health screening system and implementation. The screening module will be introduced to our King's community in early August.

To help facilitate the implementation of various changes to our procedures across our schools, our daily schedule has changed.

All Schools will begin instruction at 8:30am from Monday through Friday.

- ▶ The Elementary School will end instruction at 2:45pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- ▶ Junior High and High School will end instruction at 2:30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- ▶ **All schools will have an early-release day on Wednesdays with an end-time of 1:30pm.**

ARRIVAL

We are finalizing our arrival/check in plans which will include a health screening check. We will communicate this procedure as soon as possible.

DEPARTURE

Students must leave the school/campus when school is dismissed for the day. Students will not be permitted to linger on campus after the dismissal bell rings unless prior arrangements have been made through the King's

Jr. High office. Bus riders should report to the bus immediately, and all other students must go to the carpool pick up area and wait for their ride. Students are expected to follow the six-foot social distancing guidelines and wait for their ride on the designated markers.

HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES

- ▶ Students are only permitted on-campus if they have passed a required daily health screening.
 - ▶ Students may only remain on campus during the day if they continue to remain free of COVID-19 symptoms. If a student begins to feel ill during the school day, they are to report to the office immediately.
 - ▶ Currently, Washington State requires all students, faculty and staff to wear a face covering while attending school. If this requirement is still in effect when school begins on August 31st, anyone on King's Schools Campus / CRISTA Campus, will be required to wear a face covering. Face Shields are not recommended as a substitute for face masks, but may be worn in conjunction with a face mask.
 - ▶ All students, faculty and staff will wear face coverings while at school with the exception of during athletic participation (gym class, athletic programs). Students are required to bring their own mask to school everyday; if they forget a mask they will not be permitted to attend class until they obtain a disposable mask upon entering campus.
 - ▶ King's students will follow all the six-foot social distancing guidelines while on campus. Our principals and staff have worked hard to ensure that classrooms have been re-configured to accommodate six-foot separation between desks, and lounges and other common areas are clearly marked with signage and markers. It is expected that all students maintain the six-foot social distancing guidelines in all settings all the time.
 - ▶ Building entrances, exits, stairwells and hallways will be designated as one-way with appropriate signage.
 - ▶ The schedule supports this important part of good hygiene. Students will be given intentional opportunities throughout the school day to wash their hands. Bathrooms will be open, additional hand-washing stations will be placed around the campus and hand sanitizer will be available. Students should bring their own hand sanitizer every day to school.
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- ▶ Classroom doors and windows, as weather permits, will remain open to facilitate airflow.
- ▶ Classrooms will be sanitized between each Junior High and High School class.
- ▶ Students will not share supplies. In certain classes that require the use of shared equipment, specific sanitizing protocols will be in place.
- ▶ Classrooms and common areas will be sanitized by CRISTA facilities at the end of each day.
- ▶ Touchless water bottle refill stations are available for students. It is important for students to bring their own refillable water bottle or other beverage with them every day. Drinking fountains will not be available.
- ▶ **As directed by public health guidance, King's will make required COVID-19 reports to the Washington Department of Public Health. Reports will contain suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 within our community. Public Health officials will direct King's in the contact-tracing process, including any potential closure or changes to the school schedule and school closure/re-entry plans.**

LOGISTICS

JUNIOR HIGH SCHEDULING

Students will have four blocks per day, a lunch period and passing periods between each class. Student schedules will include all their core academic classes and a broad range of elective offerings. Some elective classes, due to the re-opening guidelines or contractual considerations, will not be offered.

ASSEMBLIES AND CHAPEL

- ▶ King's will plan any assemblies, chapels and group gatherings in accordance with health and safety guidelines.
- ▶ For Fall 2020, there will be no in-person assemblies or chapels.

FIELD TRIPS

There will be no field trips as recommended by OSPI and DOH. It is King's

School's hope that guidance and rules changes during the year which would enable King's students to participate in off-campus learning.

JUNIOR HIGH CHAPEL

Chapel will be a virtual experience in classrooms on Wednesday mornings.

JUNIOR HIGH TECHNOLOGY AND SCHEDULING

Students will be assigned a Surface for use during the school year. If a school closure is needed, students will use their school issued Surface at home for remote learning. All Surfaces and charging cords must be returned at the end of the year.

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JUNIOR HIGH ATHLETICS

Our goal is to provide students with the opportunity to participate in athletic programs in line with requirements from the WIAA. Our Athletic Director, Jeff Wright, will provide specific guidelines and work with individual athletic programs to ensure safe engagement in athletics. The Junior High will communicate with coaches and student athletes regarding sport-specific plans, guidelines and scheduling.

At this time, King's anticipates that the WIAA will issue a modified 2020-2021 sports schedule. We will release any modifications to athletic schedules as we are able.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students scheduled in PE will not dress down for PE first term. We will reassess the situation in January for second term. PE students should wear clothing to school that is conducive to exercise and movement. Gym shoes are required. Students can change into their gym shoes at the beginning of class if they don't want to wear them all day, but they must be stored in the student's backpack or in a cubby in Ella K Ness because the locker rooms will not be accessible.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

All students will purchase their own school supplies and will use them in all of their classes. There will be no shared supplies (such as bins of markers, glue sticks, etc.). In certain classes that require the use of shared equipment (lab tools, for example), specific sanitizing protocols will be in place.

BACKPACKS

Students are expected to take their backpacks with them to each of their classes. Backpacks should not be left in lounges or hallways. Extra belongings can be stored in the cubbies in the lounges in Ella K Ness.

LUNCH

- ▶ All students will eat their lunches in their second block classrooms to maintain six-foot social distancing while eating and socializing.
- ▶ Students can bring a sack lunch from home (no microwaves provided), or they can pre-order lunch that will be delivered to their classrooms.
- ▶ Time has been allotted during the lunch period for proper sanitation of classroom tables, mask breaks, and hand washing.

TRANSPORTATION

King's Schools is planning to continue service of all daily bus routes to and from campus during the 2020-2021 school year. On our buses, we will adhere to guidance from the Office of the Superintendent of Instruction (OSPI) and WA Department of Health which currently requires face coverings and recommends open windows for maximum air circulation. We will also implement increased sanitization practices.

King's is working to design ridership plans that may allow for decreased occupancy on our buses in order to promote social distancing. Please contact King's transportation office at kingsbus@kingsschools.org or (206) 546-7278 if you have questions or interest in King's daily bus service. Families that have already registered for 2020-21 bus service will be receiving more updates and information on bus ridership in August.

