

Community High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We hope this letter finds you and your families doing well. As you know, the guidance the school receives from the State of New Jersey is ever changing and schools are required to make necessary adjustments to align with those guidelines.

Most recently, on Wednesday, August 12th, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy announced Executive Order 175 stating that the school districts may delay in-person learning related to the concerns about safety and provide remote-only instruction in the fall.

Community High School is **not** electing an all-virtual start to the school year for students. However, we will now be utilizing a modified day of in-person instruction on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays with a 12:30 dismissal. Mondays and Thursdays will include periods 1, 2, 3 and 4 and Tuesdays and Fridays will include periods 5, 7, 8 and 9. Students will still be in-person on their assigned cohort days, either A or B, according to our calendar (see attached). Classes will be one hour-long, each following the below block schedule **whether students are in-person or remote**. Wednesdays will now be an all-remote day for all students following the regular period 1 through 9 schedules. However, to begin the school year, on Wednesdays, teachers and staff will engage in professional development and use asynchronous assignment-based learning. This day will also be used for deep cleaning of our building. Students will be assigned work through Google Classroom and be responsible for completing those assignments. Beginning on Wednesday, October 7th, all students will begin synchronous virtual learning for their regular period 1 through 9 schedules.

	<u>Cohort B</u>		<u>Cohort A</u>	
	<u>Mondays</u>	<u>Tuesdays</u>	<u>Thursdays</u>	<u>Fridays</u>
8:00 – Home room/Breakfast				
8:20 – 9:20	Per. 1	Per. 5	Per. 1	Per. 5
9:20 – 10:20	Per. 2	Per. 7	Per. 2	Per. 7
10:20 – 11:20	Per. 3	Per. 8	Per. 3	Per. 8
11:20 – 12:20	Per. 4	Per. 9	Per. 4	Per. 9
12:20 – Grab and Go Lunch				
12:30 – Dismissal				

Beginning Each Wednesday, Starting October 7th: (All-Virtual Synchronous Instruction All Students)

Period 1 - 8:26 – 9:06

Period 2 - 9:09 – 9:49

Period 3 - 9:52 – 10:32

Period 4 - 10:35 – 11:15

Period 5 - 11:18 – 11:58

Lunch/Break – 11:58 – 12:41

Period 7 - 12:44 – 1:24

Period 8 - 1:27 – 2:07

Period 9 - 2:10 – 2:45

The following important factors were considered in our decision:

- Approximately 30% of parents choosing all-remote learning for their student
- Staff requests for medical leave and/or accommodation due to health concerns or underlying conditions
- Using each Wednesday to deep clean our facility
- The New Jersey Department of Health's new guidelines, as of August 12th, which raised concerns about how we will handle a student and/or staff member who tests positive for Covid-19 as well as contact tracing and notification procedures

We feel the reduced amount of time in our building and also having less changes of classes throughout the day, enhances our ability to keep our school community as safe as possible while still providing much needed in-person learning and socialization for our students.

The guidelines and information we receive for the State of New Jersey is constantly changing and everything we do is with an eye towards being as safe and responsible as possible.

Sincerely,



Scott Parisi
Director of Program