

### **Good Evening Carver HSES Community!**

#### **Back to School Night::**

We are excited to invite you to our annual **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT** event, September 14, 2021 from 5:30pm- 7:30pm. This is a virtual event and zoom links will be provided to students and families to meet with teachers and staff throughout the evening. Students will work directly with their advisor during the week to collect the correct links for families. We look forward to seeing you!!!

#### **Fall Keystones:**

Any student that completed a Keystone trigger course (Algebra 1, Biology, English 2) in SY 20-21 must test as these are the “Spring 2021 Keystones”. Fall Keystones will take place September 21-24, 2021. Details on school schedules during this time will be provided in advance.

#### **Reminder Uniform Shirts:**

The uniform shirts have arrived and will *go on sale tomorrow 9/9*. Students can purchase shirts during extended advisory, during lunch periods, and after school. The uniform policy will begin September 20, 2021 (Dress down days will still be every Friday!!!).

- We have also reopened the Carver BSU online store!!! It is open NOW through September 18th. See the link below. Production takes about 14 days to arrive after the store closes so your purchase may arrive around the beginning of October.
- <https://red-dog-apparel.myshopify.com/collections/cbsu>

#### **Home and School Association (HSA) T-Shirts:**

Please be advised, if you ordered t-shirts with the Home and School Association the delivery has been delayed. Please stand by for updates on delivery. Thank you!

#### **School Dismissal/ After-School Clubs:**

- Similar to our morning entry, it is important that all students remain socially distant when exiting the building. Students- please try to avoid loitering in the courtyard area during dismissal. We encourage students to safely exit the school building and campus after school.
- We also understand the need to connect with friends and engage in fun activities so we will begin after-school clubs and activities on September 13, 2021.

#### **SAFETY UPDATE:**

I know many families have inquired about our COVID-19 protocols with regard to our process if a student tests positive for COVID-19/ is exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19 and how they will receive instruction during the quarantine period. We are in the process of updating the student handbook to reflect this process in detail. The updated handbook will be available on the school website September 14, 2021. Please find our protocols below:

### **Protocol for Positive COVID-19 cases in Students:**

- To assist with contact tracing processes teachers must maintain seating charts in every class, including spaces such as the lunch room, gymnasiums.
- When a positive COVID case is reported, the admin team will collaborate with the school nurse to follow the contact tracing pattern.
  - Nurses have been trained to utilize the Tic-tac-toe method which outlines a 6 foot radius around the positive case in reference to the seating charts.
  - Nurses are required to verify vaccine status of students before reporting the close contacts to student health.
  - Positive students and students identified through contact tracing will be notified by the admin team and instructed to quarantine for a length of days determined by the nurse.
- The admin team may ask teachers to report their vaccine status if they are considered a close contact.
- Vaccinated staff and students are not required to quarantine.
  - Anyone who does not disclose their vaccine status will be required to quarantine, if they have been identified as a close contact.
- For positive COVID-19 student cases the admin team will notify [studenthealth@philasd.org](mailto:studenthealth@philasd.org) and [covid.schools@phila.gov](mailto:covid.schools@phila.gov) after completing all contact tracing at the school level. A quarantine learning form will also be completed and sent to SDP to support student instruction during the quarantine period.

### **Instructional Expectations during Quarantine**

In order to ensure a continuation of academic programming, the Office of Academic Supports (OAS) will provide instructional support for one student or a group of students, from a class, who need to quarantine or isolate **and are not ill**. The below guidance outlines the instructional expectations and the roles & responsibilities of District staff when a student has been identified with a need to quarantine, as outlined in the [District's Health & Safety Plan](#). The document can be found [here](#)

**Want to Get Tested or Vaccinated?** You can find more information about COVID-19 testing [here](#) and where to go to get vaccinated on the City of Philadelphia's website [here](#) and on our website [here](#). You can also find locations for vaccine appointments at [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov) by clicking on "Find a Vaccine Clinic Near you" and entering your zip code.

In Service,  
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