

Dear Cornerstone Parents,

Thank you for your patience and support through this process. We are continuing to plan out our first few weeks of school, and we know that there is a lot of information that we will need to provide for our parents. Please continue to monitor your emails and our school website regularly so that you have access to the most up to date information.

There are a few important points that I want to emphasize before I get into details on Open Houses and the first few days of school.

- What we are doing in terms of planning school is largely unprecedented not only at Cornerstone, but within education. There is not really an accepted “best practices” for a number of our organizational structures. We anticipate planning the best that we can, but we also anticipate that we may need to make changes as we continue to consider our approach. Please be patient with us as we try to think through things while still providing parents with regular updates.
- Please respect, and emphasize to your students, that they need to comply with the organizational structures within the school. They are designed to not only meet the requirements as spelled out by the state but also to ensure the safety of all. Compliance with these directives will be key to allowing us to continue to have in-school instruction within our building.
- As you will see below, we are carefully considering each activity closely to determine the degree to which it needs to be done “in-person”. We weigh that against the risks, and our ability to safely supervise the activity, and then we determine a course of action forward. We recognize that there may be differing opinions on several of these things, but we also hope that our families will continue to extend the patience and goodwill that you all have so far demonstrated.

Open houses will be done virtually this year in order to avoid large crowds and gatherings. In Elementary school they will be done by the student’s teacher. In Middle School, they will be done in grade level teams, and in High School, they will be done by individual teachers. Information about the specific on-line meetings will be sent next week. The schedule is below:

Time	Tues August 11th	Wed August 12th	Thurs. August 13th.
5:00 P.M.		2nd Grade Teachers	4th Grade Teachers

6:00 P.M.	1st Grade Teachers	3rd Grade Teachers	5th Grade Teams
7:00 P.M.	6th Grade Team	7th Grade Team	8th Grade Team

Teachers:	Sunday August 16th
High School Math Teachers	1:00 p.m.
High School English Teachers	1:30 p.m.
High School History Teachers	2:00 p.m.
High School Science Teachers	2:30 p.m.
Foreign Languages	3:00 p.m.
Performing Arts / PE	3:30 p.m.
Leadership	4:00 p.m.

We will be sending a separate e-mail to Kindergarten families to give you the specifics of what open house and the first day of school will look like for those students.

For our 1st-5th grade students, we will also offer a drive-thru meet the teacher time! These will take place at the school and will give your student a chance to meet the teacher face to face, social distance style, before school starts!

Time	Friday, August 14th	Mon August 17th
11:00-12:00	First Grade	
12:30-1:30	Second Grade	

2:00-3:00	Fifth Grade	3rd Grade
3:30-4:30	Fourth Grade	

Our first week schedule will look a bit different than what we have already advertised in an attempt to make sure that we provide equal amounts of time for the different cohorts, and we have enough time to plan around our in-school protocols. Our first week will look like this:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No School	Cohort B ½ Day Dismiss at 11:45/12:15	Cohort A ½ Day Dismiss at 11:45/12:15	Cohort A - Full Day	Cohort B - Full Day

We will continue to update you regularly through next week. Please make sure that you are continuing to monitor information from the school.

Sincerely,

Joe Caraher