



DUCHESSNE HIGH SCHOOL

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August 19, 2020

Dear Parents:

For the last couple of weeks, we have had students in the building once again. Whether they have been preparing for Freshmen Orientation, participating in Fall Sports, or getting classrooms put back together, it is a welcome sight and I cannot wait to see everyone.

Duchesne is doing everything we can to help mitigate the spread of disease, but it takes everyone's cooperation to help it work successfully. I understand that individuals and families have different expectations for their behavior, but it is important that we all follow the protocols set up at school to help us keep everyone safe. Students not following the guidelines will be sent home and not able to return without full participation of the school rules.

Entering the Building

Due to the new protocols of entering the building, I would suggest that students allow themselves a little more time in the morning. If students arrive before 7:00 a.m., they should enter the Main Lobby. After 7:00 a.m. they will need to enter through their designated door.

Freshmen – Main Lobby

Sophomores – Outside PAC that faces the parking lot

Juniors – Music Hall

Seniors – Gym Lobby

Screening Questions

Each morning, students will need to access Schoology and answer a series of questions regarding their health and contact with others. It is important that they are honest and if they answer "YES" to any of the questions, that they stay home. With the new programs in place, students should not have any problems keeping up with class.

Masks and Distancing

All students are required to wear a mask or other face covering while in the building and around others. Coverings must not be disruptive to the school and determination will be made on a case by case basis by the administration.

Students are going to need to be responsible for distancing as much as they can in the halls and classrooms. Even during unscheduled time, when they are less closely monitored, they are expected to distance and be aware of those around them.

Sick/Quarantining

Typically, we do not need to know the reason for a student absence, but during this time we are requiring families to let us know why a student is not in school. When you call the office to report an absence, you will be asked why they are out, if you are leaving a message, please let us know so that we do not have to call you back to ask.

It is always best to err on the side of safety and stay home and away from others if you are feeling sick or suspect you have been exposed to someone who is. The best way for all of us to stay in school is for everyone to work off an abundance of caution and play things safe.

If you have any questions about when to quarantine and what that means, please visit the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>.

Distance Learning

For students who are not able to be in school, they need to be sure they are staying in contact with all their teachers to be sure they are not missing any classwork. Schoology and the conferencing app that is embedded, will help them keep up. Please contact Mrs. Choinka at kchoinka@duchesne-hs.org if you are having any trouble.

Paperwork

Any forms, fees or additional paperwork needs to be turned in to the Main Office by Monday, August 24. If you need additional copies of anything, please contact Mrs. Mohrmann at smohrmann@duchesne-hs.org.

Events

Please keep checking the calendar for events happening around school. Most of our large group events have been canceled or postponed.

Parent BBQ – Canceled

Fall Sport Parent Meeting – Canceled

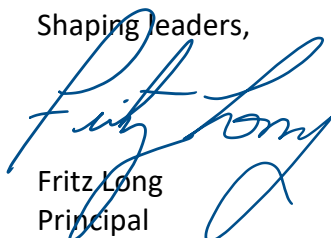
Parent Teacher night – Canceled

Athletic competitions – TBA – Spectators are limited depending on sport and location

Parent Mixers – Canceled

Please let us know if there is anything more we can answer for you. Together, we will get this year started and fall into a more “normal” routine. Thank you for your understanding, patience, and support of the school and everything we are doing to help your student and the faculty stay safe.

Shaping leaders,



Fritz Long
Principal