



JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear John F. Kennedy Families:

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year! As you prepare for tomorrow, I want to share one final e-mail blast that provides all necessary information for a successful start. I look forward to seeing everybody tomorrow morning!

COVID Safety and Protocols

The District's Return to Health Plan is available [here](#). As expected, there are additional layers of safety and COVID mitigation measures at all school sites to ensure a safe in-person learning environment:

- Masks: all students, faculty, and staff will wear masks indoors and outdoors. I understand that the original guidance specified that masks were only required inside. That has since changed. Students may bring their own or request a mask from any staff member.
- One-way traffic will be maintained inside buildings in high-traffic areas.
- Hallway lockers will not be in use. This will facilitate social distancing and movement.
- The two-period lunch schedule will remain. Not only does it promote social distancing, but many more students are able to receive school lunch.
- Water fountains will be disabled, but water bottle filling stations shall be available.
- The number of visitors to campus will be limited.
- High touch areas will be cleaned and sanitized regularly.
- COVID testing will continue for any student or staff member who desires it.

As local health conditions change and the District updates health and safety expectations, I will inform the school community.

The Option of Independent Study

For any family who prefers schooling at home, the District has issued information about an independent study option. To learn more, click [here](#). Currently, I have received limited information about the logistics of independent study. My suggestion is to contact Capital City directly at (916) 395-5020.

Schedule Change Requests

Due to fluctuation in enrollment as well as lower-than-usual participation during course selection last spring, there are many more schedule change requests this year, and they are taking longer than usual to process. I appreciate your patience. There is no need to submit a second request or contact the school as this will only add to the delay. Schedule change requests will be processed in the order received. Students will be notified when their request has been processed.

Remember, schedule changes are made for serious and compelling reasons and not all change requests are even possible. If you have a question or concern, I encourage you to contact your [student's guidance counselor](#).

Bell Schedule

The bell schedule is available [here](#). Remember, lunch assignments are based on the location of a student's fourth period class. See the bell schedule for additional information.

Dress Code

Based on extensive feedback from teachers, staff, students, and families, the school's dress code has been heavily revised. It is available [here](#) and effective beginning tomorrow.

Drop Off and Pick Up

Drop off and pick up students from the west parking lot (corner of Florin Road and Gloria Drive). Do not utilize the east lot as the new gates are not unlocked from the outside. As a reminder, traffic, especially with the changes recently made on Florin Road, is expected to be heavy. If you want to miss the worst of it, drop off before 7:45 and pick up after 3:45. Alternatively, select a pick-up and drop-off location within walking distance of the school but far enough away to avoid the congestion.

As a reminder, Gloria Drive can be difficult to navigate early in the morning when the sun is low in the sky. Drive carefully, and watch for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Communication

You can expect consistent communication from me, but I encourage you to utilize the school's social media platforms ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#)). In addition, the Kennedy website ([here](#)) is well maintained. Although I will continue to send out bulletins via the Infinite Campus Messenger, day-to-day messaging will occur on social media. You are encouraged to follow!

LCFF Survey

Like last year (and the year before that), the District LCFF survey is used to determine school site funding. Although I know that it is sometimes easy to conclude that one voice won't matter, I can assure you otherwise. This year, Kennedy received \$300,000 based on results from last year's survey. It absolutely matters. Click [here](#) for more information and to take the survey.

Academic Schedule

Click [here](#) for the complete 2021-22 academic calendar.

In Closing

As always, we are here to help in any way we can. Your student's success is our priority. Contact us at (916) 395-5090, or email me at David-VanNatten@scusd.edu.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Van Natten", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Van Natten