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Dear Summit Parents,

There is a great energy in the Summit air. We are excited to welcome more than one hundred new students this year! We've added a fourth Kindergarten class, completed renovations in our intermediate school, and added a new elementary STEAM Discovery room. In addition, we are excited to welcome 13 new faculty and staff members to our school family. You'll get to meet all of them at our Meet the Teacher events on Tuesday, August 17.

I have some developing news to share with you related to COVID-19. I would like to update you as to Summit's plans for the upcoming school year.

- Summit will begin the 2021-2022 school year with a less restrictive approach to on-campus learning.
- We reserve the right to update our school policies at any time throughout the year. Compliance with school policy is nonnegotiable.
- At this time, masks are optional for all students and staff.

- Summit will provide limited contact tracing. We will notify parents via email if there is a positive COVID test within a particular grade level and ask parents to closely monitor their child's health.
- Summit will not require first-level contact exposures to quarantine unless extended and/or high-risk contact can be clearly documented.
- Rooms will return to normal configuration of desks/tables.
- Elementary classes will continue to maintain distance from other grade levels.
- Summit will continue enhanced cleaning procedures.

We will monitor Broken Arrow's infection rates and look to local and state health officials for guidance. We respectfully ask our Summit families to do their part to keep other Summit families safe and our classrooms open. Here's how you can help us.

- Please notify the school nurse if your child tests positive for COVID-19.
- All family members should quarantine if someone in your household tests positive.

- Be aware of your child's health and make the best decision for your family.
- Continue to encourage regular handwashing and mindful coughing/sneezing practices.
- Limit visits during the school day. Summit facilities will reopen to guest traffic this year, with some restrictions. Parents may enter our facilities to visit any school office or attend chapel. We respectfully ask that no parents enter the building at drop-off. (First day of school drop-off will be open to parents.) You may sign your child out for lunch, but no guests will be allowed in our lunchrooms. Elementary class party plans will be sent from Dr. Kelly at a later date.
- Stay in the comfort of your vehicle. Our drive-through drop-off and pick-up lines will remain our primary and preferred method for getting students into and out of our buildings each day.
- If your child has been sick with COVID-19, please follow the return to school plan. Our process for students who test positive for COVID-19 returning to the classroom remains unchanged:

Students can return to the classroom only:

- after 24 hours with no fever (no fever-reducing medication) AND
- improved respiratory symptoms AND
- ten (10) days since symptoms first appeared.

Finally, a word about distance learning. While I'm thankful for the technology we have to continue education off-site, I think we can all agree that education works best in-person. Summit may provide electronic sessions to students on quarantine at the discretion the student's teacher and principal. All assignments will be available on Canvas.

Thank you for your support of Summit Christian Academy. Enjoy the final days of Summer!

Sincerely,
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