

Dear students,

We write to you today excited and confident about the opening of school. Whether we see you for in-person instruction, or we see you virtually, we are just so happy to see you. We are definitely headed into a new and different kind of school year, but We Are CCS, and CCS can pull together as a family and continue to be the best school around.

We wanted to give you a heads up on a few things, and ask you to help us be prepared. One thing we want you to be thinking about is a theme with your classmates to decorate your room. Do you have a favorite book, character or Bible story? When you arrive your teacher will help the group pick a theme together to decorate your rooms.

Let's talk about in-person instruction. We have to follow the guidelines given to us by the experts to keep us all healthy, and everyone must do their part. Please work hard to remember your face covering. Wearing our face coverings properly is one thing that we will all be helping each other do. Practice wearing it at home so you are ready to wear it at school. Also, start practicing washing your hands well and for at least 20 seconds. Are you good about using hand sanitizer? Let's all promise to get into the habit of keeping our hands clean. Next, bring your water bottle every day. We are not going to be using the water fountains with our mouths, but it is very important that we all stay hydrated. In the beginning of the school year, we are not going to use the lockers and we are not going to share materials. Get your backpack organized so you are ready. You will keep your backpack and materials with you at your desk. Additionally, we will have a structure to all of the movement in our day. That means we are taking turns getting out of our seats, walking physically distanced, and staying in our personal space. Finally, we are all going to be cleaning our spaces often. Everyone will pitch in order to keep our whole community healthy. Be sure to start practicing your air hugs and air high fives, and know that we are here to support you.

For all of our students that will be with us virtually, there are a few things that you must do, too. First, remember that your school day is the same as the school day for students in the building. Get up, get your uniform on, and be ready for prayers. Remember you are just as important to the school day and it is going to be very important to keep you in the school mindset. Also, be sure to get your materials and assignments organized. You need a "school space" that has everything you need for each day. We don't want you distracted. And remember, you are an important part of the class. You will collaborate with others, you will participate in discussions, you will have the same expectations.

Boys and girls, together, we will have a great year! We may have some bumps along the way, but we will be patient and kind, knowing that Jesus is by our sides to light the way.

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."

Ephesians 4:2

In Christ,
Mrs. Fallica and Mr. Riley