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Greetings Justice St. Academy Charter Family,

We are excited to welcome your child onto campus on August 16th for the 2021-2022 school year. We know last year was challenging, and we appreciate your continued support for our school community. We are looking forward to meeting our new families and welcoming back our returning students. Our teachers are diligently working to prepare their classrooms and lessons. Our PTA is setting up plans for the new school year. Our administrative and support staff are eager to welcome our students back on campus and ensure all of our safety protocols are in place. We are a dynamic community and we look forward to partnering with you to ensure all students achieve!

Please carefully review this message, which contains important information about what to expect for the start of the school year. We will maintain the highest standards of COVID safety practices and protocols, including health screening, face masks, proper hand hygiene, and cleaning. Hand-washing areas and hand sanitizer are available on campus and their use will be encouraged and incorporated into school routines.

All students, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, returning for in-person instruction must participate in baseline COVID testing two weeks prior to the start of school and will need to continue to take a COVID test every week or periodically thereafter. Required COVID-19 Baseline testing will take place at Justice St. auditorium on Tuesdays, August 3rd and 10th between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. No appointments are needed for testing at our school site on these dates. In addition, free COVID tests are offered for students and their families at various school sites around the district. To schedule an appointment for your child at a stationary site, please use the [Daily Pass](#) or call (213) 443-1300. Please use your Parent Portal account to sign in. If you do not have a Parent Portal account, you can register [here](#). External PCR (not rapid) tests can be uploaded through the Parent Portal and you will receive a confirmation email once the Community Engagement staff members have approved it. You are encouraged to test at Justice as the appointments at the stationary sites are filling up quickly.

Prior to entering the campus:

- All students are required to wear a face mask over their nose and mouth. Ensure your child has a protective face mask they can comfortably wear while on campus. If the face mask is reusable, please wash it daily. Also, make sure your child brings an extra face mask as a back-up. Masks will be provided for students who do not have one.
- Make sure your child is feeling well. When your child arrives on campus, they will be asked to respond to the Daily Health Check questions. Before coming on campus, the Daily Health Check questions can also be answered using the [Daily Pass](#), which generates a unique QR code that will allow your child to come onto campus. You will need a Parent Portal account to access the Daily Pass. If you have not yet done so, please [register](#) for a Parent Portal account, which will also help you stay connected to your child's academic progress and attendance. Plan to arrive early on the first week of school to avoid long lines.
- If you already have a chromebook checked out to your child, please send it with your child fully charged in a backpack on August 16th.
- Technology will be distributed to students by teachers in the classrooms and will remain at school until we collect the signed Responsible Use Policy forms. Your child's teacher will share protocols for taking devices home, as it varies from grade level to grade level.

Daily Schedules:

- School starts at 8:15 a.m. and ends at 2:43 p.m., except Tuesdays when dismissal occurs at 1:43 p.m.

Drop-off and Dismissal:

- There are three drop-off locations. The table below shows our plans for a safe and seamless drop-off and pick-up process. If you have more than one student, please enter through the gate that is most convenient for you.

Time	Grade Levels	Gate
8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	TK and Kindergarten	Sadring St. Gate by Parking Lot
	1st and 2nd	Main Gate on Justice Street
	3rd, 4th, and 5th	2-story Bldg. Gate on Strathern Ave.
8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Any student <u>without</u> a Daily Pass QR Code	Main Gate on Justice Street
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*Please note that it is optional to generate a Daily Pass, however, we will continue to ask specific screening questions. Any student without a Daily Pass must enter through the Main Gate only. There will be a separate line for students without Daily Pass QR Codes.

**Also, students arriving after the start of instruction at 8:15 a.m., must enter through the Main Gate only.

First Day of School Procedures

- Plan to arrive early on the first week of school to avoid long lines.
- Parents may accompany their child to the gate entrance and must adhere to the mask mandate while visiting our campus. Supervision staff will be present to help escort the student to their line-up location. Parents will not be permitted on campus at this time.
- Once students enter campus, they will report to the line-up location on the playground with the assistance of staff members.
- You will receive an email from Justice St. on Friday, August 13th providing you with your child's assigned teacher and classroom location. *(Last spring, the staff worked diligently in the placement of students. We have considered student's learning styles, academic, social, and emotional needs. We are also mandated to follow other guidelines such as class size, gender balance, language acquisition, and students with special needs. Our concern is to facilitate the best educational program for your child. We ask that you support these decisions. Your understanding is much appreciated. **Please note that we will not honor any requests for room changes.**)*

Dismissal Procedure:

- TK and Kindergarten students will be dismissed from the gate on Sadring Ave.
- 1st Grade students will be dismissed from the Main Gate on Justice Street.
- 2nd-5th Grade students will be dismissed by their teachers to either go to a gate designated by their parent or to their afterschool program. Gates will close promptly at 3:00 p.m. daily (2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays) and parents will not be permitted on campus.

Meals:

- Students will receive their meals via the cafeteria, or they may bring their lunch from home. Students will eat their lunch in the cafeteria, following physical distancing protocols. At the end of the school day, students will be given a Grab and Go bag which includes breakfast for the following day and supper to take home.

Afterschool Programs:

YMCA is offering before and after school care for students in Grades TK-5. For more information and fee information, please call (818) 774-2840.

Beyond the Bell (BTB) is offering the Youth Services (YS) program for students in Grades 2-5. Please fill out [this application](#) and either send the form with your child on Day 1, email it to claudia.sanchez@lausd.net, or drop it off in the office. Once the YS Coach has your child's application, he/she may stay after school. Your child is "enrolled" in YS once the application is received. Students may not stay in the afterschool program without a signed form on file. Please note that there must be a separate form for each child attending YS.

Through our afterschool programs, students will have the opportunity to receive help with their homework and to participate with friends in activities.

Health Office:

Emergency Contact Forms will be distributed for the new school year for returning students on Day 1. Please make sure that you return the Emergency Contact Forms to the school immediately. Returning families can fill out the [Emergency Contact Form](#) electronically and send with their child on Day 1. Please note that new students have already submitted the annual emergency card form. Immediately notify the main office if your emergency contact information changes throughout the year. We ask that students who become ill at school be picked up immediately.

Communication:

My primary method of communication will be through Blackboard Connect. This is the program used to email, send voicemails, and text messages to our families. I will also continue to utilize Zoom Meetings and our Taft Community of Schools will continue to hold Virtual Townhall Meetings via Zoom Webinar.

Please reserve the following dates for upcoming meetings. Zoom links will be emailed.

- Friday, Aug. 6th – Coffee With The Principal via Zoom Meeting at 8:30 a.m.
- Friday, Aug. 13th – TK, Kindergarten Virtual Orientation via Zoom Meeting at 1:00 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 13th – New Student Virtual Orientation via Zoom Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

You may also call our main office at (818) 346-4388, Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Information you may need to refer back to has been posted on our school website at justicestreetacademy.com.

Our PTA also has social media accounts with Facebook and Instagram. Please follow them for important reminders and PTA announcements. A weekly PTA eblast is sent out every Sunday. Please email our PTA President, Monique Berrenson, at justicestreetpta@gmail.com to be added to the distribution list if needed.

I look forward to seeing your child(ren) at school. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at (818) 346-4388. I can also be reached by email at clh2104@lausd.net and I will do my best to reply within 24 hours.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Hernandez Morrison

Principal

Topic	Additional Information
Books, materials, supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students may bring backpacks, charged computer device, and water bottles. Label the items with the student's First/Last Name and Room. ● Students must bring and wear a face mask at all times on campus (except when eating/drinking). ● Toys are not allowed. ● Teachers will use a variety of resources such as whiteboards, paper, workbooks and manipulatives to engage students in classroom learning.
Recess	<p>Students will take a 20-minute break during designated grade level time. Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Restroom use ● Snack – eat in designated areas
Students who become ill while at school.	<p>Please notify the main office if your contact information has changed. Students who have a fever or any other COVID-like symptoms will be sent to a designated isolation room and the parent/caregiver will be called for immediate pick-up. We ask that students who become ill at school be picked up immediately.</p>
Devices	<p>Please bring any district-issued device and the chargers to school each day as needed.</p>
Classroom set-up	<p>The physical layout will return to the standard classroom set-up.</p>
Cleaning, Sanitizing	<p>Classrooms will be cleaned daily-</p>
COVID Testing	<p>All students, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, returning for in-person instruction must participate in baseline COVID testing two weeks prior to the start of school and will need to continue to take a COVID test every week or periodically thereafter.</p>
Breakfast, lunch and supper	<p>Students will be eating meals outdoors when possible. Students may bring snacks to eat outdoors during their break. At the end of the school day, students will be given a Grab and Go bag which includes breakfast for the following day and supper to take home.</p>
Hand washing, Hand sanitizer	<p>Hand sanitizers are available throughout campus. Students will be reminded to wash their hands with soap and water frequently.</p>
Face Masks	<p>A face mask that covers the nose and mouth must be worn by all students and staff while on campus, except when eating or drinking.</p>
Restrooms	<p>Restrooms will operate at full capacity with all fixtures and sinks available.</p>
Supply Wish Lists	<p>PTA coordinates the School Supply Wish Lists with teachers as a supplement to the basic school supplies funded by our school. Please check the website for updates.</p>