Parent Communication - Week of July 13 FINAL

Dear Families,

The Reopening Task Force team wanted to provide you with this week's highlights on plans for our August reopening:

Partnership with MUSC

A MUSC Back2Business liaison is visiting campus this week to review our operating plans and provide feedback. Throughout the school year, we will work with MUSC for ongoing operating plan review and assessments. The Back2Business team is led by an infectious disease specialist and consists of RNs, emergency medicine physicians, public health experts, and risk management professionals trained in epidemiology. The MUSC team is working with Charleston-area companies, resorts, restaurants, the Charleston County School District, and now, Porter-Gaud School.

Updated FAQs

We have updated the <u>Reopening in the Fall FAQ page</u>. New topics include infrastructure considerations, the remote student learner plan, and division Zoom dates for parents. Please continue to share your questions and ideas with us at <u>PGReopen2020@portergaud.edu</u>.

Current Climate & Opening Day

We are concerned about the current infection rates in Charleston County. We have well-developed plans to contain transmission and limit occupancy on campus, but as a day school, the background transmission rates in August will affect our opening operating mode. We must open conservatively so that we can maintain our educational continuity and remain open. We are planning to start school on August 18 as long as our plans still align with local conditions and CDC/DHEC guidelines.

As we get closer to the start of school, each of us has a critical role to play in our return to campus. Right now, we ask you to do everything you can to prepare your family to be healthy. The more we practice the guidelines set forth by the CDC such as social distancing, hand washing, the use of a cloth face covering in public spaces, and avoidance of large crowds, the more likely we are to keep our Porter-Gaud community safe.

Communication Updates

- Reopening Task Force Weekly Update July 23
- Division Zooms with Heads and Head of School Week of July 27

Thank you for your trust in us. We will continue to keep you updated weekly and are looking forward to being back on campus together.

Thank you,
D. DuBose Egleston Jr., Head of School
PG Reopening Task Force





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