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Dear Students and Families,

Spring 2021 Update.

I hope this letter finds you in good health and good spirit.

April 12th—Welcome back Raider Nation!

After a year of meeting challenges not known to the “normal” operations of OCHS and with much anticipation, we look forward to the return of our students on **Monday, April 12, 2021**.

I recognize that the past year has been anything but the “normal” regarding high school, and I appreciate and thank the support of our school community. I am so very proud of our students for their dedication and perseverance that they exhibited over the past year.

I believe it is important that we acknowledge that we have been continuously open for in-person instruction since September 3rd, this again is because of our awesome school community!

Please review the following **Question/Answer** regarding the return to school after spring break:

Schedule

Are there still cohorts (O & C cohorts)?

No, starting Monday April 12th, the cohort model will stop, and all students will report to school 5 days a week.

What is the schedule?

The school day begins at the regular time 7:50am with dismissal at the current 12:28pm. We will continue with our established six period four-day rotation of classes. April’s rotating schedule is attached to this email and can also be found on the high school website.

What rotation “day” is Monday, April 12th?

We will continue the rotation and Monday April 12th will be “Day 3.”

Will lunch be served?

Lunch is grab and go at dismissal.

Social Distancing and PPE

Are face coverings still required?

Yes. In fact, the only way this return to school is possible is if we all cooperate and work together. Face coverings are mandatory and must be worn correctly — covering both the nose and mouth areas. Although I expect full cooperation, non-compliance will not be tolerated. Note: handkerchiefs and bandannas are not acceptable forms of face coverings.

Will students be spaced accordingly?

Yes. According to guidelines, three feet spacing is the benchmark. However, there may be situations where spacing is between two and three feet. This is only in a very small percent of classes.

How about the hallways and lockers?

Students are encouraged to only use their lockers in the beginning and the end of the school day. Also, students will be encouraged and instructed to “stay to the right” in the hallways during the changing of classes.

Instruction

Are teachers available to contact after dismissal?

Yes, the current “check-in” times and schedule are still applicable.

Will the core subjects still live stream?

Yes, however because classes will have both “cohorts” present, live streaming will be rudimentary.

Should students bring district-loaned Chromebooks and/or personal devices to class?

Yes. Individual teachers will give details regarding this requirement and their respective classes.

Below is a basic framework of senior specific events:

Prom

The faculty advisors, administration and students have been meeting, discussing, and planning the Prom. The After Prom committee is also in the planning stages. The Prom will be held on Saturday, May 22nd on the campus of OCHS. We will have the traditional Red Carpet, dinner, DJ & dancing, pictures, and other activities. We apologize to our junior class in advance, but at this time tickets will only be sold to seniors and their guest (guest can be from OCHS or other schools).

Senior Awards/Scholarship

Planned for Monday, **June 7th**, both an in-person and a virtual plan are being developed. Multiple and various instructions for applying for scholarships was sent out prior. Also, resources posted by Ms. Oves, the college/career counselor, can be found at: <https://oceancityschools.org/highschool/financialaid>

Ms. Oves can be contacted at 609-399-1290 ext. 8716 or toves@ocsdnj.org regarding scholarships, applications, and general information.

Graduation

Commencement 2021 is being planned for **June 15, 2021**. As of this early date, commencement is planned as a whole-class in-person ceremony at Carey Stadium. Minimally, Senior parents/family will be granted general admission. I anticipate that additional general admission will be permitted as we get closer to June 15th.

In closing, I stand with our students, especially seniors, and families during this time of excitement. I'm confident that together we will work to insure a successful and positive return to school. Be well and enjoy a safe Spring Break.

Stay strong Raider Nation.

Sincerely,

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

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