

Lavilla Families,

I look forward to welcoming our students on Tuesday, August 10! Although we hoped to begin the year under normal conditions, my faculty and staff are prepared so that our students will continue to receive intensive arts instruction and rigorous academics. The beginning of a new school year can create excitement and anxiety, but I hope you find the information below to be beneficial.

**Safety Measures/Face Masks:** Students are no longer required to have their temperature checked before entering the campus, but we will continue to follow the district's guidelines to ensure we are respectful of the health and well-being of our students and staff. Every class will have hand sanitizer and disinfectant. We will also have a supply of face masks for students who need one. If you completed the mask opt-out form in your parent FOCUS account, students will not be required to wear a face mask.

**1<sup>st</sup> School Day Photo:** We will have our Lavilla backdrop outside near the main entrance to allow parents an opportunity to capture the first day of school photos. Please share your pictures and tag us on our social media with **#LaVillaReUNITED!**

**No Visitors/Early Check-Out:** This is a reminder that we will be unable to have visitors in the building. If you need to check out your student early, please push the buzzer at the main entrance to speak with our front office staff. A staff member will come to the front door to view your ID before students are released. As a reminder, **students will not be released within the final forty-five minutes of the school day** unless the principal/designee determines it is an emergency or an excused event.

**Student Drop Off:** Students can be dropped off at the front of the school on the Lavilla sidewalk as early as 7:45 AM. Please do not let students out of your car until this time, as we will not have adult supervision until 7:45 AM. Please **do not** drop your students off on the west side of Davis Street. We do not have crossing guards and it is dangerous for them to walk across the street or the parking lot. If you arrive before 7:45, please park in the gravel lot or wait in the car line off on the east side of Davis Street. **Please do not park your vehicle in the car loop before 7:45 AM.** Please be patient with the morning traffic. It will take at least a week for new families to learn how our traffic pattern and routine works. We are not

counting student tardies this first week, so stay calm and know that we want our students to arrive safely.

**Afternoon Dismissal:** Our dismissal starts at 3:20 PM. For more information about our dismissal procedures, [CLICK HERE](#) to visit our website.

**Lockers/Bookbag:** Our students will not utilize our school-wide lockers this year, so they should be prepared to carry their belongings in a backpack. Clear or mesh backpacks are preferred, but not mandatory. To avoid heavy backpacks, students should only bring books/supplies for the classes that they will attend each day.

Students in orchestra, band, or guitar can utilize our instrument lockers to store their instruments during the school day. Students enrolled in P.E. will not utilize the gym lockers, so they should wear comfortable clothing and proper shoes when they have P.E. class.

**Schedules/Homeroom:** On Tuesday and Wednesday, students will report to their homeroom for the first 30 minutes. We will have faculty and staff in the hallway and posters in the school to help students locate their homeroom. The homeroom teacher and room number are also listed in FOCUS as period 00. While in homeroom, students will be given a new copy of their schedules. They will also be able to turn in any completed paperwork that they received during orientation. On Thursday, students will follow the normal bell schedule.

### **Normal Bell Schedule**

1<sup>st</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Period: 8:25 - 9:55

2<sup>nd</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Period: 10:00 - 11:30

3<sup>rd</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Period 11:35 -1:45

A LUNCH 11:35 - 12:05

B LUNCH 12:08 - 12:38

C LUNCH 12:41 - 1:11

D LUNCH 1:14 -1:45

4<sup>TH</sup>/8<sup>TH</sup> Period 1:50 - 3:20

**Student IDs:** We are currently waiting for the delivery of our new IDs, so students may not have their new IDs on the first day. As soon as we receive them, we will print and deliver them to students. If you are a returning student, you may

wear your old ID for now. We will also provide all students with a new lanyard and ID holder in their homeroom class on Tuesday or Wednesday. If your child did not pay for their ID during orientation, we will be able to collect those payments during the first week of school. The price for returning students is \$5 and \$1 for new students. Once new students receive their first ID, the regular price will be \$5 for any additional ID. If a student forgets to bring their ID to school, they will receive an armband for \$1. If students do not have funds to purchase an ID or armband, we will add the fee to their online account in Destiny. It will be helpful to have your student check their Destiny account at the end of each nine weeks. We will also let you know when we resume our online payment option in SchoolCash Online.

**Laptops:** If your student did not attend orientation, we will continue laptop distribution during the first week of school. We will also re-distribute any repaired laptop to our returning students.

**Breakfast/Lunch Schedule:** Depending on your child's 3<sup>rd</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>-period teacher will determine their assigned lunch time. Similar to last year, all school meals are free for students. Students may also purchase snacks during their assigned lunch time.

**Bus Transportation:** If your child plans to ride a bus to or from Lavilla, parents must complete the transportation form in their FOCUS account. After you submit your registration, it may take a few weeks before it is processed and visible in FOCUS, so please call our transportation department to find out your child's assigned bus information. The number to contact our transportation department is 904-858-6200. **Please ensure that you have informed your child of their assigned morning and/or afternoon bus numbers before the first day of school.** Please have your student write down their bus numbers in several places (notebook, wallet, cell phone) in case they forget or lose the information. Buses will run late the first day, so be patient until the drivers learn their routes.

If you would like for your child to ride a different bus on occasions, please send a signed written note to our House Administration Secretary or email [JonesP7@duvalschools.org](mailto:JonesP7@duvalschools.org). She will provide students with a temporary bus pass to give to the bus driver.

**Extended Day:** To register for our morning and/or after-school program, [CLICK HERE](#). If you have any additional questions, please email our Extended Day director at [lungerc@duvalschools.org](mailto:lungerc@duvalschools.org).

**District Calendar:** Attached is a copy of our 2021-2022 District Calendar and you can [CLICK HERE](#) to access our yearly calendar of events and performances. Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram at The LaVilla School of the Arts. We make daily posts about events, deadlines, as well as everyday happenings at the school. If you have any other questions, feel free to call us at (904) 633-6069.

We look forward to seeing our students on Tuesday as we ReUnite at the best middle school in DCPS!