

Good Morning Pilgrim Family,

After the latest announcement by Governor Kate Brown, I know there is a lot of confusion, a lot of questions, and a lot of frustration. We are working hard at understanding and getting clarification on all we can. I wanted to clarify our position as of now.

As you know, it is a moving target and we are trying our best to stay on top of it and remain open. We are hopeful to keep our preschool and Kindergarten open onsite due to our early childhood licensing. We are also hopeful we can potentially open at least our K-3, and hopefully, our 4-8. There are certain metrics that have to be met as you are aware. Our understanding is that it is not tied to the other counties as the phase re-openings were, but that each county stands alone. The threshold is a bit higher for 4-8 (and high school), but we are fairly confident the threshold for K-3 and potentially for 4-8 will be met before September 8. With that said, no school will be allowed to legally open in-person in Washington County unless the following is met:

Grades K-3 in-person instruction can resume if:

- There are fewer than 30 cases per 100,000 over 7 days
- Test positivity of 5% or less over 7 days
- Covid-19 isn't actively spreading in the school community
- School is in compliance with Ready Schools, Safe Learners Guidance

Grades 4-8 in-person instruction can resume if:

- Must be 10 fewer than cases per 100,000 in preceding 7 days for 3 weeks
- Test positivity rate of 5% or less over 7 days for 3 weeks
- Covid-19 isn't actively spreading in the school community
- The state metric of test positivity rate of 5% in the preceding 7 days for 3 weeks in a row
- School is in compliance with Ready Schools, Safe Learners Guidance

We will certainly be open far earlier than November as the Beaverton and surrounding districts have stated their opening for their hybrid model. If the metrics noted above cannot be met by September 8, we will begin remote classes on September 8. You will be receiving communication from your child's teacher sometime in August to set up a "home" visit. At this visit, the teacher will make sure you have everything you need to begin the year successfully either in-person or remotely. We will communicate all changes to you as soon as we become aware, but at this time, we are optimistically planning on opening in-person in September. We will all be praying for those numbers to go down and watching them carefully. As stated earlier this month, we are working diligently to meet all the guidelines put forth in Ready Schools, Safe Learners. We will be in compliance with that guidance before school begins in September. We will be posting our blueprint soon and sending out a Covid-19 Handbook as a supplement to our parent/student handbook in the next week or two.

Finally, it is easy to be discouraged by all that is happening around us and we forget to stop and give this all to our Lord. So I will remind you as I have reminded myself over these past months,

*"Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Matthew 28-29*

Let's not struggle alone with our frustrations, but share it with Him who can strengthen us and join together in prayer for all that is burdening us today. Please let me know what questions you still have and I will do my best to have an answer!! Enjoy the blessing of today!

In joy,

*Sherri Lam*