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Arts Academy Updates 09/09/2024

Updates from Dr. Mitchell and Mrs. Prybula (formerly known as Ms. Ignagni) will be added to our [Daily Announcements](#) on our website.

You can always find the most up-to-date news there. **If you miss an email, please check the announcements on the website!**

Guidelines for reducing the spread of respiratory illness (including COVID)

[Centers for Disease Control Updates Guidance](#)

For everyone's safety and information, the current CDC (Centers for Disease Control) guidelines for reducing the spread of respiratory diseases indicate:

When you may have a respiratory virus...

Stay home and away from others (including people you live with who are not sick) if you have respiratory virus symptoms that are not better explained by another cause. These symptoms can include fever, chills, fatigue, cough, runny nose, and headache, among others.

You can go back to your normal activities when, for **at least 24 hours**, both are true:

- Your symptoms are getting better overall, and
- You have not had a fever (and are not using fever-reducing medication).

When you go back to your normal activities, take added precautions over the next 5 days, such as taking additional [steps for cleaner air](#), [hygiene, masks](#), [physical distancing](#), and/or [testing](#) when you will be around other people indoors. This is especially important to protect people with factors that increase their risk of severe illness from respiratory viruses.

Keep in mind that you may still be able to spread the virus that made you sick, even if you are feeling better. You are likely to be less contagious at this time, depending on factors like how long you were sick or how sick you were.

If you develop a fever or you start to feel worse after you have gone back to normal activities, stay home and away from others again until, for at least 24 hours, both are true: your symptoms are improving overall, and you have not had a fever (and are not using fever-reducing medication). Then take added precautions for the next 5 days.



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Meet the Teacher/Curriculum Night

At the Arts Academy, we have implemented a model of teacher and family collaboration that, we feel, allows for much more regular communication than the occasional parent-teacher conferences.

We strongly believe that communication should happen regularly throughout the year—not just at progress reports and report card times. To encourage family involvement and student responsibility, we offer PowerSchool as a means of regular communication between teachers and our community members.

As part of our ongoing collaboration with parents, we also host Curriculum Nights each year. These are opportunities to learn about our programs, an overview of courses, and teacher expectations. These are not intended to be traditional parent teacher conferences and parents are always encouraged to e-mail or set up a meeting with the teacher to discuss individual student concerns.

Our Curriculum Night for this fall is Wednesday, September 25, from 6 – 8 pm.

On Curriculum Night, families can visit teachers in classrooms to discuss the curriculum and the school's expectations. If families would like to schedule an individual conference, this is a good opportunity to schedule that meeting, but teachers will not be available to have one-on-one meetings.

Throughout the evening:

- PTA members will be available in the 1st floor hall to provide an overview of their activities and to help you find ways to get involved!
- Our student support team, Counselors, Social Workers, and Parent Liaisons will be in the first-floor hall near the counseling office with general information regarding high school graduation requirements and options for earning credit, college visits, admissions, applications, and financial aid as well as student support and Social Work services.
- Dr. Mitchell and Mrs. Prybula will be available throughout the building to support staff and families.

PARKING/DROP OFF 2024/2025

Please note that it is incredibly dangerous for students to cross Caroline to enter and exit the building. This is always true, but especially more so with the construction on College Blvd. The additional congestion, and cars moving around the construction signs and vehicles make it much more likely that there will be an accident.

Please drop off and pick up on the west side of the street.

Pick up and drop off procedures.



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1. Please be respectful of our families who are picking up and dropping off. Please allow cars to merge into line and be patient while waiting to merge. Please move your car as far to the front of the line as space allows. Follow the arrows and allow other cars space to move around you if you are waiting for your student.
2. Please be respectful of our neighbors during pick up and drop off. **Do not make U-turns on Caroline.** There is not enough room, and you will end up driving over the lawns. Please drive around the building or approach Door #3 from the north.

Dental service at school

DENTIST R US is a community/school based Mobile Dental Program that will be on site at the Academy on Friday March 1.

Licensed Dentists & Dental Hygienists will be available to perform:

- Comprehensive dental exams
- Dental cleaning
- Fluoride treatments
- X-rays (if needed)
- Sealants (when necessary)
- Bonus: each participant will receive a free toothbrush!
- An Oral Health Report will be sent home to parents.

If you would like your child to be seen, please fill out the [Dentists R Us Permission Slip](#) and return it to the office prior to the above service date.

NOTE: Students who had a cleaning within the last 6 months are NOT eligible.

Dentists R Us promotes oral health hygiene with personalized instructions & education.

<https://www.dentistrus.com/>

If you would like your student to participate in this opportunity, please complete the permission slip linked above and return it to the office. You can also pick up a hard copy in the office.

All students who complete the permission slip and participate in the teeth cleaning will be entered into a drawing for an Android Tablet!



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Student Schedules

Please be sure to check your schedule on PowerSchool before class tomorrow as we have been working to ensure student schedules are updated this weekend.

Student schedule change requests that have been submitted to the [Schedule Request Form](#) will be addressed through the first two weeks of the school year.