

August 12, 2021

Dear CRJ Families,

We pray that this letter finds you healthy and that you are enjoying the remaining weeks of summer with friends and family. At Cristo Rey Jesuit we have been preparing a thorough return-to-school plan to support students as they transition back into in-person learning. The COVID-19 pandemic combined with an entire year of virtual learning has required planning and re-assessing the reopening of school. A team of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School faculty and staff have reimagined the opening of school and created intentional student-centered experiences to foster social-emotional wellness, acceptance and inclusion, and rigorous learning experiences.

The first two weeks of school will be dedicated to building meaningful relationships between students as well as faculty and students to strengthen student outcomes. These activities have been carefully planned to provide an understanding of our college and career-centered school culture as well as how each team member of the CRJ community works collaboratively to meet and exceed academic expectations. By the end of this two-week experience, all students will understand what it means to be a Cristo Rey scholar.

The following information will help you plan for the first two weeks of school:

### **Schedule for the first two weeks of school**

- **August 23 – September 3, school will be in session from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.** A bag lunch will be available for each student who wants one at dismissal.

### **Health and Safety**

- **All students are required to get at least one dose of the Covid-19 vaccine before August 23. Students who show up for school and have not received at least the first dose of the vaccine, will be sent home. If you do not intend to get your student the required Covid-19 vaccine, please contact School Registrar Chauntay Smith immediately at [csmith@crstoreybalt.org](mailto:csmith@crstoreybalt.org) so that you can make arrangements to be withdrawn from CRJ.**
- If you need assistance with transportation to access the vaccine for your student, please contact School Registrar Chauntay Smith, [csmith@crstoreybalt.org](mailto:csmith@crstoreybalt.org).
- All students and faculty are required to wear a mask and complete the [daily health screening](#) before arriving at school.
- We will practice 3ft. social distancing.
- Handwashing protocols will be in place and hand sanitizer will be available for frequent use.

## School Dress Code for the first two weeks of school

- Students are NOT required to wear a uniform for the first two weeks of school.
- Students should dress comfortably and appropriately for the school community.
- **Text, Graphics, Logos:** Students are not permitted to wear any clothing with explicit text, graphic images, or logos.
- Due to safety concerns, long, dangling, or heavy earrings will not be allowed. Hoop earrings shall not be larger than the size of a quarter.
- Clothing should not show midriff or undergarments.
- Shoes should have a rubber bottom (tie-up or velcro).
- Students should not wear flip-flops or slippers.

For more information on the opening of school, please review our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and [CRJ Health and Safety Protocols](#) documents that are on our school website. We thank you for affording us the opportunity to work with each of your students and look forward to another successful school year. Please reach out to me with any further questions.

Go Hornets!



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Principal