



Dear GDS Community,

## **POLICIES & PROCEDURES MANUAL**

As we look forward to starting school on campus on August 13th and 14th, we would like to share our guiding document. Please click on our ["Policies and Procedures Manual"](#) that the administration has developed for the COVID-19 Pandemic. We want to share this document in hopes that it will answer many questions that you have about our plans for the opening of school.

The Family Handbook reflects and agrees with the Policies and Procedures Manual. Both of these documents complement and reinforce each other. Each has an important purpose and you can find both on our new [reopening webpage](#).

## **TEAM GOLD & BLUE**

Yesterday you should have received an email from your child's division head about the opening days of school. The Administration has made the decision to have a slow opening of school on August 13th and August 14th. This means that only 50% of the school population will come on campus for those two days. This will help us manage the new entry procedures and campus movement protocols. What this means to families is that each student will only come to school one day, either the 13th or the 14th. The email from your child's division head should have indicated which group, Gold or Blue, your child is in. We will hold a regular full day of school with after school care on both FIRST DAY of school dates. We will all be together, both Gold and Blue groups, beginning Monday, August 17, 2020.

TEAM GOLD- August 13th

TEAM BLUE- August 14th

## **PARENT EDUCATION SERIES**

Our next **Parent Education Series** will be this Thursday, July 23, 2020 with a video from the Middle and Upper School Divisions about Planned Virtual Learning and the Learning From Home Option.

## **STAY HEALTHY**

The most important thing we can do as a school community is stay healthy. Please be vigilant about following the basic requirements for avoiding the virus:

- always wear a mask in public
- avoid large crowds
- practice physical distancing of at least six feet at all times
- wash your hands frequently
- take your temperature before coming to school
- stay home if you are sick

## REOPENING WEBPAGE

Don't forget you can visit our [new page](#) on our website that contains all the information and resources regarding GDS' fall re-opening. This page will be updated frequently. [Click here](#) to view our re-opening page.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [rrankin@gastoday.org](mailto:rrankin@gastoday.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard E. Rankin, Jr.".

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