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10 Days to the Start of the 2020-21 School Year!

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Dear Palisades Families:

In just 10 days we will be welcoming students back to school. Here are 10 items to note for you and your student(s):

1. **Bus schedules will be re-sent on Monday (8/24) afternoon - please check the schedules you receive again on Monday, as information may have changed. Again, please remember that we will not be using Safe Stop this year; we are working on replacement software to track your child(ren)'s buses.**
2. **Chromebook Insurance is available for a nominal fee - please follow this link: [Insurance information](#). For those families who do not yet have a chromebook, a second window to purchase insurance will be opened (TBA). Chromebook distribution next week - Tuesday (8/25) and Wednesday (8/26) between 10AM and 2PM - is only for those students who are newly enrolled at Palisades and have signed up for the Palisades Cyber Academy.**
3. **Face shields will be provided for all students and staff. Either a mask or face shield may be worn as a face covering during the school day. Face covering breaks will be provided for 10 minutes in (no less than) 45 minute intervals (as appropriate) during the school day.**
4. **The Returning Student Form (for updated contact and medical information) will be sent on Monday (8/24) - sorry for the delay due to a technical snafu.**
5. **The PIAA voted today to allow fall sports to play their season - please see attached [PIAA Press Release](#)**
6. **Monday, August 31st is an early dismissal day-PALMS/PHS is dismissed at noon, while elementary dismissal is 1:15PM. It is an orientation day for students in grade K through 5, 6 and 9. The first day of school for all other students is September 1st.**
7. **The Upper Bucks County Technical School will begin classes on September 2nd; we will communicate bus schedules for these students next week. Technical school students will begin their PHS scheduled classes on September 1st remotely.**
8. **Upper Bucks YMCA is providing before and after school care for elementary school-aged children. Please see the attached [YMCA Before and After School Care](#) for more information.**
9. **Virtual school days have been scheduled in the calendar for ALL students to accommodate intensive cleaning. Those days are November 23rd (full virtual day), November 24th (half virtual day), December 21 and 22 (full virtual days) and December 23 (half virtual day).**
10. **Parent/guardian virtual orientation will be held for families enrolled in our Palisades Cyber Program on August 27th at 1PM (elementary) and 2PM (secondary-PALMS/PHS). The sessions will be recorded and posted to the website thereafter for anyone who is not able to attend.**

Once again, thank you for your support and your patience as details continue to be worked out. Have a terrific weekend! We look forward to welcoming our students and staff to the start of the new school year! Hang in there! We are all in this together! Be well...d.

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