

January 14, 2021

Dear Eagle Families:

I hope you and your families had a relaxing and joyful winter break and 2021 is off to a tremendous start for you. It has been really nice to see some of our students back in the building during the last few weeks. Seeing their (masked) faces, hearing their laughter and watching them socialize again has brought warmth to my heart. We are extremely excited to have the rest of our students return in the hybrid model on January 25, 2021. We will be returning to the hybrid class schedule we were using prior to going completely remote. We have heard from students and staff that our second lunch was very late in the day, so with our kids' wellness in mind, **we have tweaked the bell schedule to have lunches earlier in the day** beginning Monday, January 25. Please click this link to view the [new hybrid bell schedule](#) on the Heritage website.

It will be fantastic to have some energy back in the hallways of HHS. With our return to in-person student learning, the district will continue to enforce its policies surrounding student health and safety protocols. Please find information regarding the district mask policy and quarantining rules and expectations on the [LPS website](#).

I am also happy to report that our voter approved, bond furniture replacement project has begun in earnest. Over the winter break the student center/cafeteria was totally remodelled. We also have four instructional classrooms that have received new furniture as part of a pilot project. Students and staff will be able to use this furniture and provide feedback and suggestions for the larger, building-wide furniture replacement plan. We thank you, HHS Community and Arapahoe County voters, for these improvements. This investment in our students' futures will pay dividends for years to come.

We are also excited to bring back Enrichment for the spring semester. Enrichment is a unique opportunity at Heritage for students and teachers to have built-in time during the school day for direct instruction and individualized support. Teachers and students have been asking about how we can bring back Enrichment to our socially-distanced, remote and hybrid models, and we have found a way! Students will have an opportunity to meet with their teachers during Enrichment to get extra help or even extensions to their learning. We will be using Responsive Scheduling in Infinite Campus to communicate with students. More details to come!

There are lots of exciting things happening in Athletics, so be sure to check [their website](#) and social media posts for the latest updates. There have been many changes, and the *Volume III Heritage Athletics Newsletter* will be published soon with updated guidelines for each sport in Season B. Activities are also up and running this semester! Many groups have already been meeting in person and hope to get more together as we transition into hybrid learning. We are watching the COVID guidelines daily, but have some exciting activities planned for the spring. Our Performing Arts Department is preparing for a production of *Jesus Christ Superstar* on the

weekend of April 8-10. Student Government is planning another Spirit Week February 1-5 - "Who's your Alpha - The Mario Kart Edition." Eagle Outreach is hard at work planning for MAD Week 2021, and there is an all call out for seniors boys who are interested in participating in Mr. Eagle. TSA is gearing up for the Colorado State Conference, and our LINK crew is hard at work planning a virtual club and activity fair for early February to help get students connected to the many clubs and activities that we have at Heritage. In addition, we are working on plans, and back up plans, to celebrate the Class of 2021 in May. Please keep checking the Heritage website under [Seniors/Graduation](#) for updates as plans are finalized and decisions are made.

As you can see, the next few months will be full of a wide variety of events and activities designed to re-engage our students and families into the Heritage culture and hopefully begin our journey toward normalcy for our entire community. We truly believe the best place for our students is being back in school buildings. We hope we are able to continue down the pathway of in-person learning. Our students need positive, in-person interactions with our teachers and their peers to be successful academically, socially and emotionally. Please help us in keeping our students safe by encouraging everyone to practice social distancing and wearing masks when interacting with others during and after school hours. By partnering together we will hopefully shorten the number of days we will need to be apart. Thank you for your continued support of Heritage High School. Be well.

Take care,

Stacey Riendeau, Principal
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