



# PENINSULA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

*Office of the Principal*

August 17, 2020

Dear PC parents and guardians,

The countdown begins and in just one week, we welcome back our students, one class at a time, for their orientation and trainings and for the 8th and 9th graders, a bit of class building. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, August 24: Grades 8 and 9; 8:00-3:00 (Please arrive by 7:45)

Tuesday, August 25: Grade 10, 8:00-2:00 (Please arrive by 7:45)

Wednesday, August 26: Grade 11, 8:00-2:00 (Please arrive by 7:45)

Thursday, August 27: Grade 12, 8:00-2:00 (Please arrive by 7:45)

Students should be in Monday-Friday dress code. Parents should either pre-order lunch for their student or have them bring their own lunch. Students should bring their chromebooks (in case) to orientation day, but do not need other supplies/books.

A change from a previous communication: It is preferred that Virtual Learners attend orientation from home in order to ensure their technology is functioning properly. If you intend to have your virtual learner attend on-campus on their orientation day, please contact Mrs. Padilla at [apadilla@peninsulacatholic.org](mailto:apadilla@peninsulacatholic.org). Virtual Learners will be sent Zoom Invitations for their respective orientation day via their PCHS email account to login to their virtual orientation session. They will also receive the schedule of classes and instructions/reminders of how to log into their classes for that day.

Virtual Learners who have not received their chromebooks yet, should come by the Main Office to receive them beginning this Tuesday. Also, please note the following for chromebook pick-ups during orientation week:

- 8th graders will receive their chromebooks in homeroom.
- 9th graders who did not pick up their chromebooks over the summer, must stay after school to pick them up and receive training. (Training is not necessary for freshmen who were here in 8th grade.)
- 11th graders will receive their chromebooks in homeroom.
- New 10th and 12th graders who are taking Catholic Culture will receive their chromebooks in that class. 10th and 12th graders who are new, are not in the Catholic Culture class, and did not pick up their chromebooks over the summer, must stay after school to pick them up and receive training.

Friday, August 28: First official school day! (7:45-2:20)

Monday, August 31: First Monday--modified schedule, 7:45-2:00 (Please pick up your students promptly by 2:15.) There is no After-School Supervision on Mondays.

Bus Transportation will begin on Friday, August 28.

We welcome Father Policarpio Lagco (Father Pol), our new school chaplain, to Peninsula Catholic. Father Pol is the Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. We look forward to Father Pol becoming very active in our school community as he helps guide our students on their journeys of faith.

Last week's Knightline had quite a bit of information, but we want to ensure that you have all this information as handy as it can be:

- Parents/ Guardians there have been some updates to FACTS Family Portal. Please read the following letter [FACTS Family information 2020-2021](#) (this letter was also shared via email by Mrs. Padilla). Please make sure to log in and update any necessary information prior to the start of school.

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- Information about TCIS was shared in [VISAA/TCIS/PCHS Statements](#). Please also review this [Letter from the Athletic Director](#).
- Students who plan to return to campus for classes but for medical reasons only are unable to wear a mask for an extended period of time, MUST provide medical documentation before August 24 to Mrs. Silcox to that effect. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Silcox at 757.596.7247, ext. 104
- For students who will be learning either on campus or virtually, we recommend headphones like this: [Headphones](#). They do not have to be this exact model - but over the ear with noise cancelation and a mic is preferred. While earbuds are acceptable, they do not cancel out the buzz around them as they work in flex spaces or collaboratively in a group that could include both live classmates who are seated over 6 feet away as well as their virtual classmates.

After more discussion on changing to virtual learning from on-campus and vice-versa, we have created a final policy in connection with selecting on-campus vs. virtual instruction: Students who begin as at-home virtual learners on August 28, 2020, have two weeks to switch from virtual to on-campus learning. The last day to switch will be Friday, September 11, 2020. Virtual learners will continue learning from home until mid-term, October 23, 2020. Should families want to switch from virtual to on-campus, parents must notify their counselor by October 19, 2020. Beginning October 26, 2020, students will remain as virtual or on-campus students for the remainder of the term. These same dates apply for moving from on-campus to virtual learning.

If you have CHANGED your mind since the last survey sent out on July 30 and now want your student to start school in a different manner than first indicated, please complete [this form](#) by Wednesday, August 19 (very similar to the original form). **If you already completed the first form and have NO CHANGES--please DO NOT complete this form again.**

The [Student-Parent Handbook](#) is ready for viewing. While not many changes were made, there are a few important changes highlighted in yellow in the main document. What has been added, however, is the *20-21 Supplement* at the end of the "regular" handbook. This outlines the many important changes for next year. While most of these changes have been addressed in other communication (*emails, letters, videos, and Knightline*), there are additional policies and even changes to policies discussed as late as July. Please take special note of this section--especially the following updates:

- *Attendance for virtual learners*
- *After School Supervision--especially pick-up time on Mondays for ALL students*
- *Code of Conduct relating to masks and following all new protocols*
- *Allowable styles of masks (gator-style and bandanas are not acceptable)*
- *Change in number of Family Service Hours for Parents*
- *Emergency drill procedures*
- *Use of lockers*
- *Mass*
- *Staggered Dismissal and picking up your student*
- *Technology and the Virtual Learner*

Students and Parents will be required to sign off that the Handbook has been read and all agree to abide by it. This form will be sent home with your student on their orientation day and is due back on August 28.

While we hope we have covered everything, this document is fluid and ever-changing. However, should there be any updates or changes, we will notify parents and students. Also, there has been an abundance of communications sent out over the summer. For your convenience, ALL relevant reopening communications have been posted on the parent tab of the website under ["Reopening Details."](#)

Welcome to the start of a most interesting year! We are all in this together and your patience, support, and prayers will very much be needed by the faculty, staff, and--most importantly--your students.

Stay Well and God Bless,



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