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Dear Charter Arts Students & Families,

With a week and a half of classes underway, we wanted to share some important updates about the next few days and weeks of the school year.

Back to School Night

Back to School Night will take place on 9/23 from 6-8PM. A schedule will be forthcoming that will contain links to each session. Families will meet with Core departments alphabetically by counselor assignment for the first half of the evening. For the second half of the evening families will meet with Artistic Departments by grade level. This will be an opportunity to meet each teacher briefly in group sessions. If you would like to have individual conversations with teachers please reach out to them by email.

Family Engagement Session (Before Full Back to School Night)

Please join us for our first Family Engagement event of the year before Back to School Night from 5:30 to 6:00 on September 23th. Each Family Engagement night will be geared towards supporting your children throughout the high school years. At this session, parents and families will learn about our Title 1 program along with our Special Education and related services available for your children at Charter Arts. Additionally, we will share a schedule of Family Engagement nights available throughout the year. Please fill out [this form](#) to RSVP.

Wednesday: Expectations for Asynchronous Learning

Wednesday is our asynchronous day of learning. Students are expected to log into their Google Classrooms to access assignments and any other work the teachers have posted.

Attendance

To submit attendance, students will log into their GRADE LEVEL Google Classrooms and complete an attendance form each Wednesday between 6:00AM and 11:59PM. For questions or additional support, students and families should contact Christina Gehman, Attendance Coordinator, in the Main Office at ext. 2459 or by email at attendance@charterarts.org.

Office Hours

Universal office hours for teachers will take place on Wednesdays from 10:00AM - 12:00PM. During this time, teachers are available via Google Hangouts or by email. Teachers may also set up Google Meet rooms for students, which will be communicated by the teacher. Students can schedule individual appointments with their teachers via email.

Ms. Sheldon and Ms. Rosania-Harvie also have office hours at this time and these appointments can be made by contacting Shawn DeVault in the Main Office at sdevault@charterarts.org.

Safe2Say Something Training

All middle and high school students in Pennsylvania are required to be trained on the Safe2Say Something (S2SS) Anonymous reporting system during the first few weeks of the new school year. On **Wednesday 9/16** students will be trained on the S2SS reporting system through their grade level Google Classrooms. Our S2SS training will be assigned to each student through the grade level Google Classrooms and each student is required to watch the training video and complete an exit ticket at the end of the training. We want to make families aware that students will be engaging in a training on Wednesday during asynchronous learning. The training contains two videos and slides that introduces the Charter Arts S2SS team, contains information about the S2SS process, identifies warning signs to look for in their peers, and discusses reasons students may need to report concerns to a trusted adult. The training also reviews how to use the S2SS portal. This information is serious and may be concerning for some of our students. We would like you to be aware so that you can support them at home after they engage in the training. The training also identifies who they can reach out to at Charter Arts if they need additional support. If you would like more information on the S2SS anonymous reporting system, please [visit our website](#).

Supply Exchange

During the regular add/drop window, students may have changed courses and will need to return supplies to the school and/or pick materials for a new class. Beginning on Thursday 9/24, students or families may return and/or pick up supplies from the Main Office during regular business hours: 7:30 - 3:30. Please make arrangements to exchange supplies by October 7th. If you have any questions, you can contact Shawn DeVault at sdevault@charterarts.org or x3124.

In person opportunities

Taking into consideration the CDC and PDE requirements, we anticipate starting optional in-person opportunities at Charter Arts the first week of October. These opportunities will be arranged by teachers and will be on a one to one or small group basis. They will not be required and strict guidelines will be followed. More information will be announced soon. It will continue to be very important for all people entering the building to use the [building access self screener checklist](#) prior to coming to the school each time, and transportation will need to be coordinated by the student and family.

Arts Walk

Thank you so very much to everyone who participated in and donated to the first ever ARTSWALK! The event was a great success and your donations earned Charter Arts over \$8000!! These funds are so appreciated at this time! T-shirts will be ordered this week for anyone who donated \$50 or more and raffle prizes will be announced next week!

All the best,

Lauren Sheldon & Mary Jo Rosania-Harvie

Co-Principals