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Dear Charter Arts Community,

**At a special board meeting last night, March 25th, 2021, the Charter Arts School Board voted to approve our transition to Plan B (Hybrid Learning) beginning May 3rd.** We are excited to bring our community together this spring to gradually and systematically begin the transition back to in-person learning.

Thank you to all families who submitted their return to school commitment survey. Here are some important points that we want to highlight:

- Students who opted to remain in remote learning will continue to access their classes as they have all year.
- Students who opted for in person learning will attend Charter Arts on either Monday/Tuesday (Group A) or Thursday/Friday (Group B). Students are grouped by district of residence and must attend school on their assigned days. [This is a list of the District of Residence assignments.](#)
- Families who did not return a survey received a phone call and a letter to their home this week. As of 3 PM today, all students who have not submitted their return to school commitment will continue to learn remotely for the remainder of the school year. This information was integral in our decision to implement hybrid learning and to carefully plan our classroom spaces to ensure proper mitigation measures building wide.
- Students will not be permitted to move from remote to hybrid learning this school year but may move from hybrid to remote with parent/guardian permission. For parents to officially request this change, they should contact the main office.
- Students who are learning remotely will be invited to attend Charter Arts for student orientation days and for their assigned Keystone testing dates. Please see below for more information on these dates.

Before hybrid learning begins, we will review expectations for mask wearing, physical distancing, and overall safety with all employees and students. **All students who return to the building will be required to sign a contract that will outline these expectations as an extension of our Student Handbook and Code of Conduct. Students will not be permitted to return to in person learning without a contract signed by both the student and a parent/guardian.** We will provide this information in April.

Additionally, our original Health and Safety Plan was approved in August 2020 by our School Board of Directors, and we will be updating this document to include current mitigation measures and the most current and up to date contact tracing guidelines set forth by the CDC and PA DOH. This plan will be made available on our website in April, after its approval at our bi-monthly School Board of Directors Meeting.

### Important Upcoming Dates

- **April 19** - All employees will return to the building on or before April 19th to transition back to teaching in their classroom spaces and to prepare for hybrid teaching.
- **April 21 & 28** - Student orientations will take place on April 21st and April 28th. All students will be invited to attend by grade level, regardless of remote or hybrid status. These events will be optional, transportation must be provided by families, and more information will be provided after Spring Break.

- **May 3** - Starting May 3rd, hybrid learning will begin for the month of May and will end on May 28th.
- **June 1- 4** - During the first week of June, Charter Arts will administer the Keystone Exams in compliance with state and federal requirements. **All students, regardless of remote or hybrid status, who are enrolled in Algebra, Biology, & Principles of Literary Analysis (English 10) will attend school for in person testing on their assigned days.** All students are required to test as part of federal accountability regulations. Additionally, Keystone Exam proficiency is currently a graduation requirement starting with the graduating class of 2023 (current sophomores). Therefore, students who opted for remote learning will be expected to participate in testing on their assigned days. Transportation will be provided by the district of residence to students who reside within a 10 mile radius of the school. If you have transportation questions, please contact Mr. Boyle at [jboyle@charterarts.org](mailto:jboyle@charterarts.org).
- **June 7-11** - During the second week of June, all students will participate in a final remote learning week to recover any missing work and submit final assignments for the year.
- We are currently finalizing the dates for a senior celebration and graduation. We will let you know as soon as the dates, times, and locations have been confirmed.

We will continue to share the outstanding talents and creativity of our students and faculty through remote performances this year. **It is hard to believe that just one year ago none of us even knew how to create a virtual performance, and by the end of this year, we will have shared close to 50 virtual performances and exhibitions!** This is a demonstration of the creativity, resiliency, and perseverance of the Charter Arts community. We thank you for your ongoing support and hope you will join us at upcoming events, starting with three events this weekend!

Lastly, today Charter Arts is participating in Pennsylvania's Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Day. The Charter Arts School Counseling Team has posted a variety of [SEL resources and activities](#) on the [Counseling Team & Student Supports website](#) for families to utilize. In addition, as our community continues to process recent tragic events in Georgia and Colorado, the Counseling Team website provides support resources for students and families.

Have a WONDERFUL spring break!

### *The Administrative Team*

## MAY Plan B (Hybrid) SCHEDULE

May 3 - May 28, 2021				
MONDAY Day 1	TUESDAY Day 2	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY Day 3	FRIDAY Day 4
GROUP A In Person	GROUP A In Person	Asynchronous Office hours & Student Check-ins	GROUP B In Person	GROUP B In Person

#### May Plan B (Hybrid) Schedule Notes:

- ALL classes follow a regular schedule
- When Group A is in person, Group B is remote and synchronous, etc.
- Fully remote learners will be synchronous M/T/TH/F.
- **\*28th - Full Instructional Day**

# JUNE SCHEDULE w/Keystone Exams

Keystone Testers ONLY In Person June 1-4; All Non-testers Asynchronous

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	NOTES
May 31	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4	ALL Students currently enrolled in Algebra I, Biology, and 10th Grade Literature will be scheduled to take the Keystone Exams per state & federal requirements whether or not families chose hybrid or remote on the survey.  AM session 7:40-11:00 PM session 11:40 - 3:00
NO SCHOOL Memorial Day	GROUP A ALGEBRA I	GROUP A  9th BIOLOGY  10th LITERATURE	GROUP B ALGEBRA I	GROUP B  9th BIOLOGY  10th LITERATURE	
<b>June 7 - June 11, 2021</b> <b>All Students Remote and Synchronous M/T/TH/F; Asynchronous W</b> <b>Final Work Completion/Submission for Q4</b>					*No district transportation provided <i>Graduation details in progress</i>  Student support provided in person, if necessary by appointment*

## Upcoming Performances & Events

Go to [www.CharterArts.org](http://www.CharterArts.org) for more info, including how to get show links & ticketing information

### March

- 26, 27, 28 - 2PM & 7 PM - Young Choreographers in Concert
- 26-28 - The Mirror Warriors of Harmony Hills Children's Show
- 26 - Spanish Honor Society Live Zumba Event!

### April

All Month - Visual Arts - Spring Student Exhibition  
 Dance Department's release of Dance Quilt

#### EARTHLAND, the Musical

- 4.25 - Premiere at ArtsQuest (tickets will be available through ArtsQuest)
- 4.27-29 - Live screening at Becky's Drive-In (Tickets on ShowTix4U)
- 4.30 - 5.2 - Streaming ON DEMAND on ShowTix4U
- June 2021 - @ Charter Arts - In-person limited seating event!

9th - 6 PM - Lit Arts Lodge Reading - Free!

9, 10, 11 - 7 PM - The Spanish Club presents, The Hispanic Heritage Show \$3, Proceeds benefit the Spanish Club

19th - 7PM - Songwriter's Cafe

26th - 7 PM - Piano Recital

30th - 7 PM - Evening of Guitar

## **May**

**All Month - Visual Arts - Spring Student Exhibition**

**Theatre Department release of the New Works Festival 2021**

**11-12 7 PM - Vocal Solos Recital**

**13-14 7 PM - Chamber Music Concert**

**14th - 6 PM - Lit Arts Lodge Reading**

**18-19 - 7 PM - Jazz Cafe**

**Launch of Theatre Department's New Works Festival**

**21st - 6 PM Literary Art Senior Showcase**

**25-26 - 7 PM - Spring Choral Concert**

**27-28 - 7 PM - Spring Instrumental Concert**

## **June**

**All Month - Visual Arts - Senior Student Exhibition**

**Release of Production Arts Student Portfolio Review**

**2nd - 7 PM - Senior Instrumental Showcase**

**3rd - 7 PM - Senior Vocal Showcase**