

April 14, 2021

Dear Charter Arts Families,

RETURN TO SCHOOL

At their regularly scheduled meeting last week, the Charter Arts Board of Directors approved our revised Health and Safety Plan, which will now be re-submitted to PDE. This is an updated version of the original plan developed by our Administration during the Spring/Summer of 2020; this plan's current changes reflect our Hybrid Plan B model and updates to the COVID mitigation procedures for the remainder of the 2021 school year. A copy of this plan will be available on our website and linked here: [HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN](#). Questions about this plan can be directed to a member of the Administration.

The Board of Directors approved our Plan B Hybrid model based on the student commitment requests received by the deadline in our early March communication. **At this time, we are no longer allowing students to move from remote to hybrid learning for the remainder of the 20-21 school year.** All students, including those who chose to stay fully remote, have been invited to student orientation sessions scheduled for April 21st and 28th and will be permitted to attend other outside events as they are announced. Questions about student orientations can be directed to Mrs. Ann Marie Squerrini (asquerrini@charterarts.org).

All hybrid students and their families are required to read and sign the [COVID-19 STUDENT HEALTH GUIDELINES & AGREEMENT](#) and submit their signature by filling out the form that is linked to the letter no later than 4.19.2021. This agreement outlines all expectations for returning to Charter Arts in a hybrid learning environment. Students and parents/guardians will sign the form linked at the end of the agreement, and the signature indicates agreement with all expectations as outlined. **Failure to submit the signed form will result in students being unable to attend school in person.** Questions about this form can be directed to a member of the Administration.

In conjunction with the Bethlehem Health Bureau and our school nurse, Charter Arts developed the attached [COVID-19 REPORTING PROCEDURES](#). Please review this document and direct any questions to our school nurse, Crystal L. Swartz, M.Ed., RN, CSN, who can be reached at ext. 3136 or nurse@charterarts.org. All students are required to have a mandated health screening completed each year (height, weight, vision). The nurse will be completing these screenings during our hybrid days. All students staying remote are asked to turn in a physical form [or the school screening sheet](#) completed by your family physician. The nurse can schedule appointments on Wednesdays at the school to complete these screenings as well. All 11th grade students are required to have a physical exam performed. Physical forms can be accepted from any date after September 1, 2019.

Additionally, to help answer all of your questions, we have started a live [RETURN TO SCHOOL Q&A](#) for all students and families. This Q & A will be updated periodically as questions arise and is an excellent place to go to get many of your questions about our Hybrid return to school answered! We have also [updated our school calendar](#) to reflect the recent changes based on our return to school. Please review this updated calendar as there are changes from our original school calendar.

PERMANENT EARLY DISMISSAL & OPEN CAMPUS

During May, no students will have access to Open Campus. However, juniors and seniors may be eligible for Permanent Early Dismissal (P.E.D.) if they are scheduled for lunch or study hall periods at the end of the school day. P.E.D allows students to leave the school after their last assigned class for the day. Students must be able to provide their own transportation home at this time and, for safety reasons, must leave the building since they are not on any teacher roster. A communication and P.E.D. form was sent directly to juniors and seniors via school email and text message on Tuesday, 4.13.21. Students may fill out the form to request this official schedule change. Upon request, the school will contact the student's parents/guardians to approve the schedule change. Any questions about Permanent Early Dismissal should be directed to your school counselor.

STUDENT DROP OFF

Districts who provide bussing have been asked to drop students off at Charter Arts no earlier than 7:30 am. If school busses drop off prior to 7:30, students will wait in the commons or theater until 7:30. **All other students (non-bus riders) should plan to arrive no earlier than 7:30 am when the school official opens to students.** When entering the school at 7:30, we ask that students go directly to their first period class. Students who are being dropped off should refer to the [drop off procedures on page 52 of our Student Handbook](#) before the first day of in-person learning. Any questions about transportation can be directed to Mr. Joe Boyle, Transportation Coordinator (jboyle@charterarts.org).

CLASS OF 2021 EVENTS

We are happy to announce that we will hold in-person graduations this year at ArtsQuest/Steelstacks in their new PNC open-air tent right near Charter Arts in South Side Bethlehem! To accommodate our seniors and their families, meet COVID-19 guidelines for gatherings, and enable social distancing, there will be two ceremonies by artistic major on June 15th, 2021. Any questions about Graduation should be directed to Mr. Stephen Krock, Administrative Assistant (skrock@charterarts.org).

Ceremony majors and times will be as follows:

- **10 AM Ceremony: Instrumental, Production, Theater, Vocal (GROUP 1)**
Graduates arrive at 9:30 AM
Families arrive at 9:30 - 9:45 AM
Ceremony start time 10 AM
Photos after the ceremony at SteelStack until 11 - 12 PM
- **2 PM Ceremony: Dance, Literary Arts, Visual Arts (GROUP 2)**
Graduates arrive at 1:30 PM
Families arrive at 1:30 - 1:45
Ceremony start time: 2 PM
Photos after the ceremony at SteelStacks until 3 - 4 PM

Each graduate will receive 3 tickets to the ceremony and will sit with their family during the event. Seating will be arranged in pods of 4 under a larger and smaller tent. Each pod will be socially distanced according to current health guidance. Seating will be first-come, first-seated.

Graduation rehearsal will take place on June 14th from 9- 12 at Charter Arts. A boxed breakfast will be provided to both groups.

- Group 1 - 10 AM ceremony - majors listed above - arrive at 9 AM
- Group 2 - 2 PM ceremony - majors listed above - arrive at 10:30 AM

SENIOR SOIREE 2021

Although COVID-19 may have put a damper on our typical prom plans, we are very excited to announce that on **June 14th from 6:30 - 10 PM, the Class of 2021 will celebrate with a Senior Soiree Event** under the same tent at SteelStacks that they will graduate under the very next day! More info on this special event is forthcoming, but you should mark your calendars now! Seniors, be sure to check your grade level Google Classroom for a theme survey and more! Any questions about the senior celebration should be directed to Mrs. Kelly Wilson-Kelly (kkelly@charterarts.org) or Mr. Nate Zamoski (nzamoski@charterarts.org), Prom Club advisors.

ADOPT A SENIOR

The parent of a 2021 graduate has coordinated an Adopt A Senior program for the Class of 2021! This group was created to bring smiles to our Seniors' faces, and you can be a part of it by posting your student on their private Facebook group page; another person in the group will then "adopt" your senior. Being adopted means that they will receive something from their adopter, perhaps a card, goodies, snacks, something to bring a smile to their face and celebrate this milestone. This is completely voluntary. Parents/Guardians (not students) are to post for their Senior. For more information please go to the private Facebook group: [LV Charter Arts - Adopt a Senior](#). Adopt A Senior is a parent-run group and is not sustained by the school. Any questions pertaining to Adopt a Senior should be directed to the owner of the Facebook page.

STUDENT SUPPORT

As our nation continues to experience unrest and our school community continues to process recent events, including this week's tragedies in Minnesota and Tennessee, we would like to remind families that the Charter Arts School Counseling Team's website provides support resources for students and families. [Counseling Team & Student Supports website](#).

SCHEDULES & PERFORMANCES

Below we included our Return to School week schedules and a list of the performances for the remainder of the school year. We look forward to all of the excitement that the end of this year brings and again thank you for your continued support in all that we do!

This [document provides links](#) to all important Hybrid Learning documents contained in this letter.

All the best,

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	
June 7 - June 11, 2021 All Students Remote and Synchronous M/T/TH/F; Asynchronous W Final Work Completion/Submission for Q4					*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 for more info, including how to get show links & ticketing information

April

All Month - Spring Student Exhibition - *link will be available on the website*

EARTH LAND, the Musical - SEE BELOW FOR TICKET INFORMATION

- 25th - Premiere at ArtsQuest (tickets available through ArtsQuest - links below)
 - [TICKETS FOR 2 PM ArtsQuest Screening](#)
 - [TICKETS FOR 7 PM ArtsQuest Screening](#)
- 27th-29th - Screening Event at Becky's Drive Inn
 - [Purchase tickets through Showtix4u](#)
- 30th - May 2nd - Streaming ON DEMAND on ShowTix4u
 - [Purchase tickets through Showtix4u.com](#)

16th - 6 PM - Literary Arts Junior Showcase - *on Google Meets, link available on our website*

16th - 18th - On Demand - The Mirror Warriors of Harmony Hills, Children Show - the final episode

19th - 7 PM - Songwriter's Cafe - on Zoom - *sign up for the event on the website*

26th - 7 PM - Piano Recital - on Zoom - *sign up for the event on the website*

30th - 7 PM - Evening of Guitar - on Zoom - *sign up for the event on the website*

30th - Launch of the Dance Department's QUILT - *link will be available on the website*

May

All Month - Senior Exhibition - *link will be available on the website*

11-12 7 PM - Vocal Solos Recital - *tickets on Showtix4U*

13-14 7 PM - Chamber Music Concert- *tickets on Showtix4U*

14th - 6 PM - Lit Arts Lodge Reading - *on Google Meets, link available on our website*

18-19 - 7 PM - Jazz Cafe - *on Zoom - sign up for the event on the website*

21st - 6 PM - Literary Art Senior Showcase - *on Google Meets, link available on our website*

25-26 - 7 PM - Spring Choral Concert - *tickets on Showtix4U*

27-28 - 7 PM - Spring Instrumental Concert - *tickets on Showtix4U*

Launch of Theatre Department's New Works Festival - *link will be available on the website*

June

1st - Production Arts Portfolio Review - *link will be available on the website*

2nd - 7 PM - Senior Instrumental Showcase - *tickets on Showtix4U*

3rd - 7 PM - Senior Vocal Showcase - *tickets on Showtix4U*