

September 2, 2021

Hello Charter Arts Families,

We hope that your school year is off to a great start! By now you are probably aware that the PA Secretary of Health signed an order requiring masks to be worn inside K-12 school buildings effective September 7, 2021 until further notice. This order aligns with our current mask requirement since COVID cases continue to rise locally, and we will update you if and when any changes are made to this order. Our students have been wonderful about wearing their masks to start the year, and we appreciate your continued support as we continue to implement masking within our building as now required by the state of Pennsylvania.

### Back to School Forms

We want to thank all families that submitted their summer mailing forms already! Our staff is busy sorting out these forms and have begun issuing Chromebooks to students who have returned the tech form. Our goal is to implement Open Campus next week for our students who returned this form as well. It is important that this form include a current student cell phone number that is used in the event of any emergency at Charter Arts. This is also a reminder that Open Campus access for students is a privilege and one that can be revoked by our school or a parent/guardian as outlined in the [21-22 Student & Family Handbook](#).



### ArtsWalk

Our annual school wide-fundraiser kicked off this week to support enrichment experiences here at Charter Arts including special projects, visiting artists, field trips, supplies, events, and much more! It also promotes a healthy lifestyle for our community. We have planned an in-school event with students for September 8th. Please help us reach our fundraising goal by supporting this year's ArtsWalk! **It is free for students to create and share their own ArtsWalk fundraising page.** There are incentives and prizes for earners at all levels, and all funds support the amazing things we do at Charter Arts! See [this link for how-to instructions](#) for setting up and sharing a personalized ArtsWalk page. We also want to send a huge thank you to the students and families who have already set up their page and started collecting donations!  
*Remember to post your own ArtsWalk pictures with the hashtag #Chartswalk2021*

### Distribution of School Communications to Students

Please remind your child to join their grade level Google Classroom if they have not already done so, as we will continue posting important announcements there for our students. If your child is having any issue joining or accessing this classroom, please have them connect with their advisory teacher or the Technology Resource Center located near the Main Office.

### School Website & Weekly Family Newsletter

A variety of resources are available for students and families on the school website, [www.CharterArts.org](http://www.CharterArts.org), under both the STUDENTS tab as well as the FAMILIES tab. A weekly Newsletter for Families is distributed to the emails of parents/guardians on Thursday afternoons via the Constant Contact e-marketing system. The newsletter contains school news, event notifications, and more! The first newsletter of the school year was distributed last Thursday. If you did not receive the newsletter, please contact [communications@charterarts.org](mailto:communications@charterarts.org). Please be sure to check your spam or promotions folder first, as Constant Contact messages can be blocked by your server's filters since they contain images and links.

Thank you and have a safe and healthy Labor Day Weekend! **Save the date: Charter Arts picture day will be September 7th!**

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