



September 23, 2020

Dear Student, Parents, and/or Guardians:

As you know, **Thursday, October 1**, is the day that Caniff Liberty Academy (CLA) will resume at-school instruction for those parents of K-5 students that selected the Monday through Friday in-person option and those families of grade 6-8 students that chose the at-school hybrid option. All students must be in school uniform (see uniform included in mailing). Parents who have requested remote/online instruction will continue to receive instruction just as they have in September and last spring. **It is strongly recommended that any student with an underlying health issue remain at home for remote instruction.** We will have bussing for parents who have requested such and spoken with the school to arrange transportation. Caniff Liberty Academy follows all Wayne County, Michigan Department of Education (MDE), and Center for Disease Control (CDC) regulations for students and staff returning to school.

Students who have requested transportation will have their temperature checked before being allowed on the bus with a touchless thermometer. If a child's temperature is above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, they will not be permitted to enter the bus and return home (as per MDE and CDC requirements for all schools). Students permitted on the bus will be seated, maintaining a 6-foot distance from one another and **MUST wear a mask**. K-8 students (either at-school hybrid for 6-8 or at-school every day for K-5) riding the bus in October will have the following pickup times (refer to map included): Zone 1 between 7:00-7:35am, Zone 2 between 7:40-8:15am, Zone 3 between 7:30-8:05am, Zone 4 between 8:10-8:35am. The interior of the school bus will be sanitized daily. **The K-8 school times for at-school students are from 8:30am-2:00pm. Grade 6-8 students who have selected the hybrid option will have classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays.**

**Students cannot enter the building before 8:20am** to minimize opportunities and time for exposure (except those bussed to school). If you drive your child to school, you must check their temperature before dropping them off. We have included an at-home form for parents to screen their children before coming to school. **All staff, students, and parents who enter the school MUST wear a mask, complete a COVID19 screening form, and have their temperature checked.** We ask that parents only come to the building for emergencies so that we can minimize opportunities for COVID19

transmission. Students will be provided with two washable masks, which should be cleaned daily at home. Staff will wear masks at all times, and students and staff will maintain a 6-foot distance from one another in hallways as well in the classrooms. At-school students will remain one classroom for the day, and students will receive breakfast and lunch, served within the classroom. Breakfast will be served in class from 8:00am-8:30am. All at-school K-8 students (6-8 hybrid students and K-5 all day/everyday students) will follow the schedule below:

1st Period -- 8:30-9:00am	4th Period and Lunch --- 10:50-12:10pm
2nd Period -- 9:00-9:50am	5th Period ----- 12:15-1:05pm
3rd Period -- 9:55-10:45am	6th Period ----- 1:05-1:55pm

**Our building is sanitized daily. We have equipped every classroom with hand sanitizer, wipes, paper towels, a touchless thermometer (for temperature checks), and all water fountains have been converted to touchless water bottle dispensers.** Please purchase a water bottle for your child that can be re-filled here. Keep in mind that no one enters the building without a mask, temperature check, and COVID19 screener. The COVID19 screener requires anyone entering the building to answer questions related to COVID19 symptoms. Anyone showing any of the COVID19 related symptoms will not be permitted to enter the building. Any student who exhibits symptoms during the day will be isolated from students, and parents will be called. Grades 6-8 students must wear a mask at all times (except when eating), and K-5 students are permitted by the CDC to remove them once in the classroom; however, we strongly recommend that they keep they wear the mask at all times.

There are CDC and MDE guidelines that require us to notify the Wayne County Health Department, and any student who has symptoms will not be allowed to return without evidence of a "negative" COVID19 test. Students and staff who identify that they have been in close contact with a person who has COVID19 will be under the same scrutiny, missing several days of school, and not returning without the "negative" COVID19 test. The CLA staff takes student and staff safety very seriously and must follow all Health Department, Wayne County, MDE, and CDC guidelines. We know these unprecedented times are challenging for all of us. Still, we are committed to our community and providing the best education services to meet parents and student needs while also following State and local governing bodies' guidelines.

Respectfully,

Larry Cowger, Principal  
Caniff Liberty Academy