

The Fine Arts Center

Greenville County Schools
102 Pine Knoll Drive
Greenville, SC 29609



July 29, 2020

Dear FAC Family:

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I am writing to you with our third update of the summer - in case you missed the first two updates, please visit our website. We have all communications posted there. Please also be sure to access the "Destination Return to School" document on the following website - <https://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/Parents/main.asp?titleid=returntoschool>.

As the days and weeks progress, we are working to refine our procedures for the coming school year. Throughout the summer, FAC Faculty and Administration have participated in a multitude of workshops, collaborated with national professional organizations, and networked with other performing arts high schools across the country - all as part of the effort to open up school safely while also providing our students with the pre-professional education they deserve. The Faculty, Office Staff, Custodial Staff, and Administration are all planning for multiple scenarios, all with the goal of providing an optimal experience for our students. There will be a lot of information coming out in the next two weeks, but I wanted to get you some very pertinent information that is new for this school year and relevant to the current health situation.

1. Reminder - Attendance at the FAC

- We are in the process of calling all parents of students on the GCS Virtual School roster to confirm their understanding of the following - The Fine Arts Center will be offering in-person instruction whenever it is deemed safe to do so.
- FAC students are expected to adhere to the GCS Attendance Schedule. This schedule is the same for all GCS Schools, including Career Centers and the FAC.
 - For example - if GCS opens in Option 1, where students attend in-person 1 day per week and we operate at 25% capacity, the FAC runs the same schedule.
 - The student's assigned "color" is the same for all GCS schools. If your child attends their high school on Mondays, they also attend the FAC on Mondays.

2. Prescribed arrival and departure times for student drivers/car riders

- In order to maintain social distancing guidelines, students will no longer be permitted to congregate in the lobby area prior to the start of classes. Students must proceed directly to the appropriate instructional studio when arriving at school.
- In order to have the studios properly supervised, we are asking that students and parents adhere to the following schedule:
 - 8:00 a.m. classes - arrive no earlier than 7:45 a.m.

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- 9:15 a.m. classes - arrive no earlier than 8:30 a.m.; depart at 11:05 a.m.
- 1:30 p.m. classes - arrive no earlier than 1:15 p.m.; depart at 3:20 p.m.

*Should these restrictions result in a hardship to your family relative to the parent's ability to get to work on time, please call our Main Office. Before doing so, we respectfully request that you attempt to work out a resolution with your workplace.

- Please note that buses are scheduled to arrive at the appropriate time, and therefore these students should be able to go directly to their studio.

3. Studio Time is suspended while we are under social distancing restrictions

- For those of you new to the FAC - Studio Time is offered to students before and after classes as an opportunity to work independently on their projects and to build a professional portfolio. Such an independent learning scenario is not feasible under the current circumstances. We will notify you when we are able to resume Studio Time for our students.

4. New procedures for Dance and Theatre students

- Dressing rooms will not be accessible. Therefore, the dress code for our Dance and Theatre classes will be modified to provide flexibility for our students. The Dance and Theatre instructors, respectively, will be in communication with their students regarding the dress code prior to the start of school.

5. Schedule for Pick Up of Student Supplies - Week of August 17

- Should we open school with an eLearning component as part or all of the schedule, some of our classes will need to provide students with supplies. Our Faculty is working to order and organize their supplies and will be providing me with more information over the next few weeks. Please take a moment to enter the appropriate pick-up date and time into your smartphone calendar. So that we can maintain social distancing and ensure safety protocols, you can anticipate that we will prescribe the time when you can come to school. I will follow up with additional instructions as the date approaches.
 - Monday, August 17 - students in the blue color group (last names A through D)
 - Tuesday, August 18 - students in the red color group (last names E through K)
 - Wednesday, August 19 - students in the green color group (last names L through Q)
 - Thursday, August 20 - students in the purple color group (last names R through Z)

6. Parking Pass Pickup - August 18-21

- Instructions for the purchase of an FAC Parking Pass are on the FAC website. Students who have completed the process can pick up their Parking Pass anytime between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and

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3:00 p.m., August 18-21 (Tuesday through Friday). Please read the directions first, and then if you have any questions, please email Ms. Cotter.

As always, please call our email with any questions. We are more than happy to assist you as we work through this challenging time - together, as an FAC Family.

Sincerely yours,

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