

Citadel Middle Update: The First Day

14 September

Good afternoon Citadel Community:

Despite some technological wrinkles late Friday, all our students are now where they should be. It's been more than 180 days since the buzz of children filled our classrooms. Teachers are thrilled to have students back and we hope that your child is happy to be back too.

We know that you received an unusually large volume of information in recent weeks; we had to get this information out to our community but recognize that some of the new procedures may have been missed in the deluge. Our COVID protocols have resulted in some changes to daily school routines that may require families to adopt some new routines as well:

Your child has their own door entry to the school.

All visitors must wear a mask upon entry to the school; report to the office only.

We have two different start and end times to reduce the number of people on the site at those busy before and after school times. Your child should know their time now.

Please do not arrive/drop off early. Students waiting outside will need to maintain distance and wear their mask until doors open.

Students are to leave at dismissal time; they can wait for you outside but must vacate the building.

Students do not have access to lockers or microwaves at this time.

Students need to bring a water bottle, snacks, and a lunch; we are not permitted to provide/cook food. We will call you if your child does not have a lunch.

Students are in their designated learning groups for the remainder of the year.

Gradual Transition to School Option

For those students doing a **gradual transition** to school, please ensure that we know you have opted for this plan. Your child's classroom (learning group) teacher should have emailed you by now to welcome your child to the class. If this did not occur, contact our office right away. Once we have confirmed your intentions, your child's teacher will have more information in the coming days.

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