



COMMUNITY UPDATE

NEWS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Thursday, August 26, 2021

Dear Xenia Community Schools Families,

Once again this week, I want to open with a reminder to our families that our goal this year is to do everything we can to keep students and teachers in school, learning together, as safely as possible.

Over the past few weeks, I have strongly encouraged each and every one of you to do what we can to keep our students healthy and also avoid large-scale quarantines.

However, as I stated in yesterday's email, **we will be implementing a mask requirement for K-5 students beginning on Monday, August 30.**

I understand there are students for whom wearing a mask is more challenging, and an exemption form is being made available (see below). It is my hope that every student who *can* wear a mask, *will* be wearing a mask on Monday.

As I mentioned yesterday, we will continue to do what we can to ease the process for students by incorporating mask breaks and incorporating outdoor class activities as the weather permits.

Thank you for your understanding, and know that we will get through this together — and that we will continue to move forward as a district, and not allow the current situation to stop progress! As you will see in this week's news, we continue to plan for a bright future for Xenia's students with a new Warner Middle School, and teaching and learning is taking place every day in our buildings.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gabriel Lofton, Superintendent

DISTRICT UPDATES & NEWS



The planning process for a NEW Warner Middle School is under way! The planning team met for a kickoff session this past week, as we began envisioning what this facility will look like for students in years to come. Follow along with us, and [learn more at XeniaSchools.org](https://www.xeniaschools.org).

MASK EXEMPTION FORM

For K-5 families who need to request an exemption to masks, you must [complete and submit this form](#).

The form must be completed by the child's legal guardian, and a separate form must be submitted for every student for whom you are requesting an exemption. In addition, families should be aware that this request *does not supersede mask requirements of any public health or other legal authority having jurisdiction* (ie: school transportation per federal law).

XCS Mask Exemption Request Form

This form must be completed separately for every student requesting an exemption.

Families should be aware that this request does not supersede mask requirements of any public health or other legal authority having jurisdiction (ie: school transportation per federal law).

A copy of this form will be emailed to you automatically upon submission.

For more information, visit www.xeniaschools.org

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XTAR BREAKFAST



For students who are participating in the morning XTAR Gifted Program and would like school breakfast, grab-and-go morning meals are only available at their home building. Students must pick up breakfast prior to boarding the bus.

REMINDER: MASK UP ON BUSES

As a reminder, masks are required for students of all ages on buses, and students are encouraged to arrive at their bus stop each day with a mask, ready for the ride to school.

This protocol is a federal guideline for all public transportation, and is not optional or subject to the XCS exemption form linked above.

CHROMEBOOK CARE REMINDERS

If you are having problems with your school-issued Chromebook, students should first power it down *completely* and restart. Remember that your school-issued device is scheduled to install updates when it is powered down each evening and restarted the next day, so not completing this process can cause serious problems over time!

If this does not solve your problem, in-person students should always go to their building office for support and/or for a loaner device.

[Learn more.](#)

Want to keep up with the status of our schools throughout the year?

For questions about processes and protocols, as well as important dates and calendar reminders for the year, be sure to visit the [2021-2022 school year information page](#).

In addition, visit the [COVID-19 Dashboard at XeniaSchools.org](#) for a snapshot of current status of the district. Updated numbers will be posted by Friday of each week with numbers current through that morning, and will be shared from this weekly newsletter.

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