



PORTSMOUTH ABBEY SCHOOL



Aug. 20, 2020

Dear students and parents,

We are eagerly anticipating the opening of Portsmouth Abbey School this fall, and I am writing today with some important information and reminders.

We will engage in social distancing and mask wearing throughout all arrivals. Any student or family member experiencing symptoms of COVID (fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, body aches, recent loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea) should NOT come to campus. Additionally, any person who has had a known exposure to someone with COVID within the past 14 days should NOT come to campus. Please contact the Infirmary for further instructions if you or any family member is symptomatic or has had a known exposure.

ON CAMPUS QUARANTINE

If your child is coming to campus for the 14-day quarantine, you should already have notified Mrs. Meghan Fonts at mfonts@portsmouthabbey.org. Please plan to arrive on Monday, Aug. 24 between 8am and 6pm. Park in the hockey rink parking lot and call the Infirmary at 401.643.1233 for further instructions. Students may not go to their dorm until they check in with the infirmary. One person may enter the dorm to assist with move-in, and family and friends are asked to leave campus as soon as move-in is complete. Students who are on campus for quarantine and participating in preseason will go through registration at their team's scheduled time (below). Students who are on campus for quarantine and not participating in preseason will go through registration in the science building on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 3:30pm.

PRESEASON

Arrivals will occur over two days:

Tuesday, Sept. 8

9:30am Football

10:15am Girls Soccer

11:00am Volleyball

Thursday, Sept. 9

9:30am Field Hockey

10:30am Boys Soccer

Please park behind the student center and proceed to the front door of the Squash Fitness Center. After completing preseason registration, all day and boarding students will walk to the science building to complete their full registration, pick up all sport practice gear and day packs outside the gym, then pick up textbooks at the bookstore. Boarding families may return to their cars and drive to their dorm. One person may enter the dorm to assist with move-in, and family and friends are asked to leave campus as soon as move-in is complete. Students may not go to their dorm until they complete their full registration. This represents the start of the fall term for preseason boarding athletes, and they will not be allowed to go off campus between preseason and the start of classes.

Students who have completed their on-campus quarantine and who are now joining a preseason team will go through registration during their team's scheduled time.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LEADERS AND PREFECTS

Thursday, Sept. 10. International Student Leaders and Prefects who are not already on campus for preseason will go to the science building at 3pm. Please park in the hockey rink parking lot. After registration, boarding families will return to their car and drive to their dorm. Students may not go to their dorm until they have completed registration. One person may enter the dorm to assist with move-in, and family and friends are asked to leave campus as soon as move-in is complete.

Students who are on campus for quarantine and not participating in preseason will complete registration on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 3:30pm.

NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Friday, Sept. 11. Registration begins at 10am in the science building. Please park in the hockey rink parking lot and walk to the science building. After registration, families will return to their car and drive to their dorm. One person may enter the dorm to assist with move-in. There will be a meeting for all new international students and families from 12:15-1pm in the auditorium. Lunch will be offered afterward. Friends and families are asked to depart campus after lunch.

NEW STUDENTS

Saturday, Sept. 12. Please park in the hockey rink parking lot and walk to the science building. After registration, families will return to their car and drive to their dorm. One person may enter the dorm to assist with move-in, and family and friends are asked to leave campus as soon as move-in is complete. 9:30am Third Form Boarding, last names A-M

10:15am Fourth Form New Boarding

11:00am Fifth Form New Boarding

1:00pm Third Form Boarding, last names N-Z

1:45pm Sixth Form New Boarding

2:30pm All New Day Students

*New day students should proceed to their dorm after registration, and will stay on campus to attend the Opening of School Mass at 6:15pm. They should depart campus at about 7:45pm. Attire for Mass is warm weather dress (dress pants, button down shirts, skirts or dresses).

RETURNING STUDENTS

*Opening of School Mass for all returning students who are on campus will be Sunday, Sept. 13 at 9:30am in the church. Required. Warm weather dress. Sit by house.

Sunday, Sept. 13. Please park in the hockey rink parking lot and walk to the science building. After registration, families will return to their cars and drive to their dorm. One person may enter the dorm to assist with move-in. Day students are welcome to drop off items in their day student lockers, and then all day families will depart campus.

1:30pm Returning Boarding Students

2:30pm Returning Day Students

*New day students will attend New Student Orientation 11am-7:30pm. Attire is casual.

DISTANCE LEARNING

If your child will engage in distance learning and you have not yet notified Mrs. Meghan Fonts at mfonts@portsmouthabbey.org, please do so at your earliest convenience.

If any of the scheduled arrival times represent a hardship for your family, please let me know.

As we begin the fall term, boarding students will not be allowed to leave campus, and visitors will not be allowed to

come to campus. We will re-evaluate this policy weekly beginning Sept. 28. Day students are asked to limit contact with people outside those who share their home, avoid crowds, utilize contact tracing, and monitor for symptoms daily. Thank you in advance for your support of all efforts to help keep our community safe and healthy.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please let me know at pwalter@portsmouthabbey.org. We are grateful for your continued partnership as we celebrate the fall return to campus.

Best regards,
Paula Walter
Assistant Headmaster for Student Life



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