

Latin Café – August 16, 2021

Back to School!
2021-22





Welcome, Latin Families!

Thank you for being here!

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Goal today – Review 2021-22 school plans & Back-to-School Info

Please ask your questions in the chat. We will answer them at the end **LIVE** so all can hear. Any remaining will be answered in follow-up documents.





Back to School 2021-22

Welcome!

Health & Safety

- COVID Vaccination Status
- Regular COVID testing for unvaccinated
- On-campus protocols

Academic Model & Schedule

- Instructional Model & Schedule
- Academic Needs & Supports
- Chromebooks & Materials
- Virtual Learning - Individual or Group, short- or medium term

Social & Emotional Well-being

- Social-Emotional Learning
- Athletics, Clubs, and other Extra-Curriculars
- School-Home Communications & Involvement
- Counseling and other support on campus

Operations & Logistics – All on our BTS web page!

- Uniforms
- Transportation
- Health and Dental forms
- FARMs Forms
- Supply Lists & Chromebook Distribution

Questions & Answers



Introductions

Peter Anderson – Head of School

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Meghan Kovach – Assistant Director of Upper School

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The Basics

Latin will open 2021-22 with
full-time, in-person learning
Monday – Friday each week.

- *Expectation for all DC public schools*
- *Only students with a medical exemption can opt out of in-person learning.*
See website for process.

We strive to
develop opinions
that are...

Circumstances will shift,
guidance and rules will change,
Latin will adapt!



Health & Safety



COVID Safety Protocols

Vaccination proof OR regular testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Request that all vaccinated students share vax card• Unvaccinated (or not sharing) must test weekly• All families respond to Google Form on BTS page!
Weekly Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weekly testing of unvaccinated students & faculty• Free to families and school
Check symptoms daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily health check: temperature & symptom check upon arrival for all students, faculty, and visitors• Students and faculty will no longer use HealthCheck
Masks & Hands	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Masks are REQUIRED at all times, regardless of vax status• Clean hands! Wash, sanitize frequently at Latin
Limit contact, keep distance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designated entrances - MS (Gym) & US (front door)• Seated or standing, maintain 3' distance.• Lunch and break outdoors as much as possible
Clean deeply and often	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhanced cleaning protocols• Frequent bathroom cleaning• Increased air flow and filtration



Vaccination Status & COVID Testing

Vaccination Proof or Weekly Testing

Share proof of vaccination **OR** test weekly (at Latin or elsewhere)

1. *Student is fully vaccinated (2+ weeks past last dose) →*
Provide a PDF or photo of the vaccination card (google form)
Regular testing is not required at this time (cannot test at Latin)
2. *Student is partially vaccinated →* Test weekly until fully vaxed
Indicate your testing preferences (on-campus or elsewhere).
3. *Student is unvaccinated, or decline to share proof →* Test weekly; indicate testing preferences (on-campus or elsewhere).

Baseline testing will be offered at Latin for **unvaccinated students** at all **Back-to-School events!**

Go to [BTS page](#) for 1) [testing form](#) and 2) register for Curative testing on campus

Form responses **by 8/17/21**, so we can plan our **Back-to-School testing.**



Vaccination Incentives!

MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER PRESENTS

TAKE THE SHOT, DC YOUTH VACCINE GIVEAWAY

All District youth aged 12-17 who get vaccinated will be eligible to win:



A \$25,000 college scholarship
(2 winners each week)



iPad and headphones
(8 winners each week)



While supplies last, DC youth aged 12-17* who receive their first shot at three Take The Shot, DC Giveaway Sites can receive **free AirPods!**

Beginning August 30, for four weeks, 10 names will be drawn each week from a database of students between the **ages of 12 and 17**.

Parents/guardians will also get one **\$51 VISA gift card** per child who receives their first shot at these sites.

TAKE THE SHOT, DC - YOUTH VACCINE GIVEAWAY SITES AUGUST 7 - SEPTEMBER 30

Brookland Middle School
1150 Michigan Avenue, NE
Tues. - Thurs. | 11am - 7pm
Sat. | 10am - 4pm

Sousa Middle School
3650 Ely Place, SE
Tues. - Thurs. | 11am - 7pm
Sat. | 10am - 4pm

Johnson Middle School
1400 Bruce Place, SE
Tues. -Thurs. | 11am - 7pm
Sat. | 10am - 4pm

*Students ages 18-21 who are currently enrolled in a DC school seeking a high school diploma can receive a gift card or AirPods (if available)

#DCHOPE #TakeTheShotDC
Learn more: [taketheshotDC.com](https://www.taketheshotDC.com)

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Daily Entry Routine

We will **NOT** be using the **HealthCheck** app this year.

We **DO** ask families to check their children's symptoms and, if needed, temperatures before they leave for Latin.

ANY symptoms – please keep your child home!

@Latin:

1. Designated Entrances

Middle School students

- Enter through the ***gym vestibule*** (parking lot); students wait in Gym

Upper School students

- Enter through ***front entrance*** (2nd Street); students wait in MPR

2. Pre-entry Temperature & Symptom Check

Each student checked by Latin faculty member before entry:

1. ***Temperature check*** with a contactless thermometer
2. ***Symptom check*** (simply asking how the student is feeling)



Masks & Hands

Masks Required at Latin

All students, faculty and visitors must wear masks while on campus.

- *Indoors and outside*, except while eating.
- *Single masking* is the standard.
- *Disposable masks provided* for any individual arriving without one.
- *Masks required* during PE and athletics practices.
- *Mask breaks will be possible outdoors*, in designated areas and as long as the student is at least 6 feet from others.

Hand Washing and Sanitizing

Frequent hand-washing opportunities

Hand sanitizer available throughout the building, especially key moments (entering building, after lunch, upon entering a new classroom, etc.)



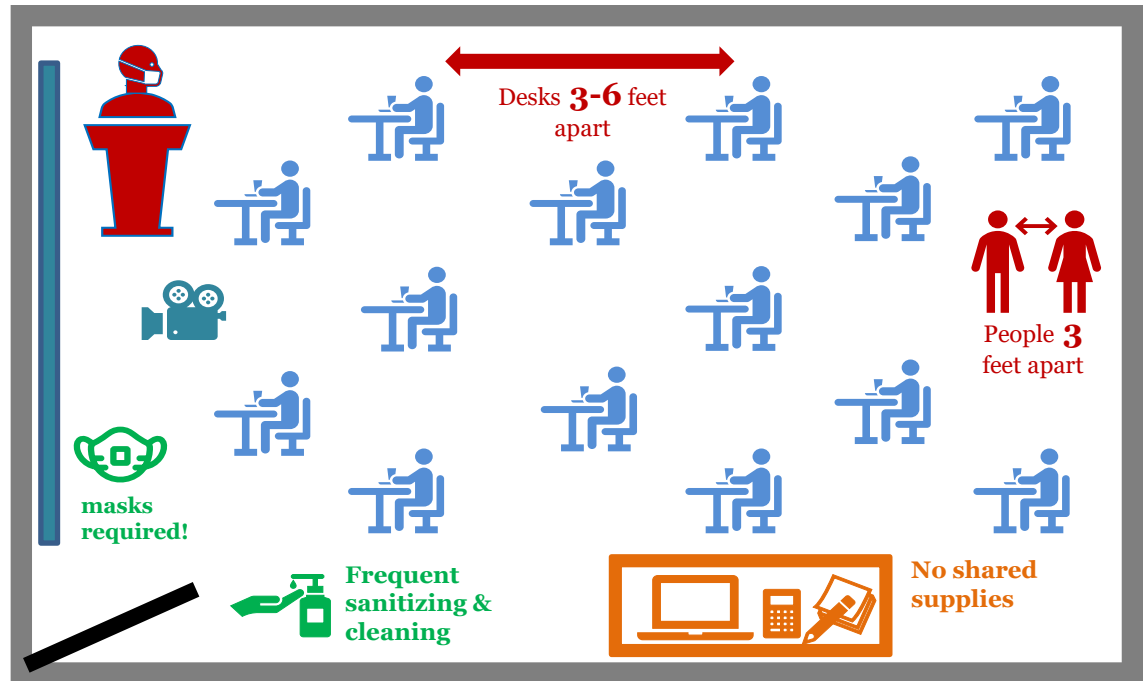
Distancing – 3-foot separation

Classroom set-up –

Reset for distance and minimizing contact

Hallway traffic –

Considering protocols to limit contact (e.g. staggered locker visits). More details to come.



Breaks/Recess and Lunch

- Outdoors as much as possible
- Students masked except when eating and drinking.
- Grades in designated lunch locations outside
- MPR may be used, but at 50% capacity



Building – Cleaning & Upgrades

Protocols for Building Cleaning

Latin continues with enhanced cleaning protocols during the school day, including:

- Frequent bathroom cleaning
- Frequent cleaning of high-contact surfaces
- Cleaning individual items after each use

Increased Airflow & filtration

- HVAC Upgrades
- Open windows and doors
- Making use of outdoor spaces



Academic Model & Schedule



Academic Overview

Latin's classical model resumes, with added supports for all but focused on those with the greatest need.

- *Continue*: Classical model with discussion, addressing moral issues, and content-rich curriculum that balances the wisdom of the ancients with modern issues
- *Add*: New faculty and new roles to support academic needs
- *Adjust*: Daily *schedule* to leverage lessons learned during 20-21



Daily Schedule Adjustment

Background on Schedule Adjustment

Goal: Apply the good from distance learning to 21-22

Feedback themes from parents and faculty:

- *Flexibility of the schedule* - more time for independent work, teacher check-ins, etc.
- *Longer blocks* especially for classes in the humanities
- *Regular/frequent class meetings* especially for Math and languages
- *Different Wednesdays*, especially Wellness Days and the focus on extra-curricular activities. Full asynchronous day neither possible (per DC) nor good for younger students and families



Schedule Detail (Grades 8-12)

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
8:10 - 8:20	Advisory	8:10 - 8:20	Advisory	8:10 - 8:20	Advisory	8:10 - 8:20	Advisory	8:10 - 8:20	Advisory
8:25 - 9:10	A alpha	8:25 - 9:30	Γ gamma	8:25 - 9:30	B beta	8:25 - 9:30	H eta	8:25 - 9:10	Δ delta
9:15 - 10:00	B beta							9:15 - 10:00	A alpha
10:05 - 10:50	Γ gamma	9:35 - 10:40	E epsilon	9:35 - 10:40	H eta	9:35 - 10:40	Δ delta	10:05 - 10:50	Γ gamma
10:55 - 11:10	Break	10:45 - 11:00	Break	10:45 - 11:00	Break	10:45 - 11:00	Break	10:55 - 11:10	Break
11:15 - 12:00	Δ delta	11:05 - 12:10	A alpha	11:05 - 12:10	Z zeta	11:05 - 12:10	Γ gamma	11:15 - 12:00	H eta
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1:40 - 2:25	Z zeta	1:00 - 2:05	Z zeta	1:00 - 2:10	Δ delta	1:00 - 2:05	E epsilon	1:40 - 2:25	E epsilon
2:30 - 3:15	H eta	2:10 - 3:15	B beta	2:10 - 2:40	Tutorial	2:10 - 3:15	A alpha	2:30 - 3:15	B beta
3:15 - 3:45	Tutorial	3:15 - 3:45	Tutorial	Early Dismissal		3:15 - 3:45	Tutorial	3:15 - 3:45	Tutorial



Staying the same

- Schedule rotation
- Break
- Four class meetings per week

Major Shifts

- **Early release on Wednesday!**
- Class lengths on Tuesdays – Thursdays – now 65 minutes
- Lunch at different times
- All classes meet on Friday

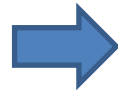
Other Wed. Changes

- Sports practices and other activities begin and end earlier.
- Latin buses leave after Tutorial
- Late bus leaves at 4:45 pm Monday – Thursday



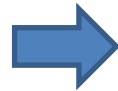
Virtual Learning 21-22? 3 scenarios

Short-term DL for individual students due to COVID quarantine, for example



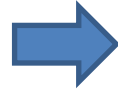
An individual student learning plan is developed with synchronous and asynchronous elements. Student resumes in-person instruction when possible

Temporary DL for a group (due to COVID outbreak in a grade or DC-wide, for example)



Resume 2020-21 Distance Learning model for group until in-person instruction permitted

Semester- or year-long DL for individuals with a medical exemption



Latin is planning on partnering with Friendship PCS for any students who need this option.

Per DC authorities, exemption from in-person school due to a physical or mental health condition requires documentation and a physician's signature.



Academic Needs & Supports

Focus on accelerated learning

- Some students thrived in distance learning, but others struggled
- Some did not keep pace with learning.
- Accelerated learning means closing learning gaps next year, even as students continue to learn new material in current grade

Latin's plan adds support focused on those with the greatest need.

- ***Diagnostic assessments*** to determine student progress in core subjects (reading and math), particularly new-to-Latin and MS students
- ***More academic supports*** - in-school tutoring, one-on-one teacher tutorial, etc.



Chromebooks

1:1 Policy

Latin provides a Chromebook (think basic laptop) to each enrolled student.

Daily Tech Routines

- *Chromebook + Charger **EVERY DAY***
- *Day Loaners:* Loaner chromebooks can be checked out 7:50 – 8:30 at the Library Circulation Desk and thereafter from the Tech Office.
- *Tech Help Desk:* When something goes wrong, there is help! Details of how to contact the Tech Team will be shared soon (before school begins).

Device Distribution

- *Who:* New students or returning students without a Chromebook will receive a device this month.
- *When:* Chromebooks will be available for pick up at all Back-to-School events or by appointment.
- *What:* To be issued a device, the Tech Loan Agreement must be signed by a parent/guardian and the student **on paper.**



Social-Emotional Well-Being & Community



Well-Being in Middle School 21-22

Community Building & Social-Emotional Learning

- Advisory and schedule
- YES Program in MS (6 & 7)
- MS & US Health 5, 6, 7
- Dialogues Across Difference
- Mentorship program (pilot) – US students mentoring MS students
- Wellness Days

Clubs & Extra-Curriculars

- *Clubs* – Student led with faculty advisor
- *Student leadership*
- *Magis* – Coming soon!
- *Sports* – See our BTS page!



Well-Being in Upper School 2021-22

Community Building & Social-Emotional Learning

- Advisory – small and intentional groups
- Grade team-building field trips in September
- Senior trip in late September
- Mentorship program
- Community Service
- Wellness Days
- Post-secondary planning – college, career explorations

Clubs & Extra-Curriculars

- *Clubs* – Student-led with faculty advisor
- *Student leadership* – Community Council, tutoring leadership, Clubs
- *Athletics* – Pre-season starts next week! (See BTS page of latinpcs.org)



Support & Counseling

Supporting students' emotional and behavioral health

Emphasis on student mental health

- Ongoing access to counselors
- Additional training for faculty in supporting student mental health
- Opportunities for parents to learn more about supporting their children's mental health and well-being

Providing support for our families in need (food assistance, connecting with other social services, etc.) through our Integrated Services Department

Family engagement is a priority for school and PFA

- Regular Zoom parent meetings
- Family/parent socials
- Other in-person or Zoom programming



Operations & Logistics



Details, Details....

There is a LOT of information on our **Back to School page**:

- Uniforms (policy, purchasing)
- Magis Information (coming soon!)
- Transportation – Latin bus service
- Kids Ride Free cards
- Health and Dental forms (immunization records!)
- Free & Reduced Meals Forms
- Supply Lists & Chromebook Distribution

Back to School events

Join us to see Latin friends and faculty, ask questions, get materials, and more!

- Back-to-School Get Together – Saturday 8/21 11:00-2:00 pm
- 5th Grade Orientation – Tuesday 8/24 9:00-11:00 am
- 6th Grade Orientation – Tuesday 8/24 9:00-11:00 am
- New-to-Latin 9th Grade Orientation – Tuesday 8/24 12:00-1:30 pm
- Parent-Advisor conferences (via Zoom) – Wednesday 8/25;
sign up information and link coming this week!



Questions?

Ask in chat or aloud