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- **When does the 2020-2021 school year begin?**
  - The 2020-2021 school year begins on Wednesday, August 19th for all learners.
- **Since school is starting on a different day than originally scheduled, does that effect the rest of school calendar?**
  - SCA will follow the SCCPSS 2020-2021 calendar as voted upon by the SCCPSS BOE on 7/16/2020. The new calendar can be found on the SCCPSS website - [https://spwww.sccpss.com/Documents/Calendars/20-21\\_SCCPS\\_CALENDAR.pdf](https://spwww.sccpss.com/Documents/Calendars/20-21_SCCPS_CALENDAR.pdf)
- **What does a student's daily schedule look like this year?**
  - SCA's instructional day begins at 7:35am and concludes at 3:15pm.
  - On-campus students must arrive to SCA no later than 7:30am.
  - All students will follow their schedule, reporting to their classes either in-person or virtually. Based on a student's schedule, virtual learners will login to the corresponding Google classroom for their courses at the designated meeting time and students on-campus will simply report to their class' meeting location.
- **What if my child arrives to SCA after 7:30am or I need to pick-up my child early?**
  - SCA has very specific safety protocols that must be followed. Students that arrive after 7:30am will not be permitted entry to attend school that day.
  - Due to the same safety protocols and to ensure the health and safety of everyone on-campus, parents and visitors will not be permitted to enter the building during the school day. SCA encourages families to make arrangements for appointments to occur during school holidays or outside of school hours.
  - If a SCA student has a required medical appointment during school hours, please be sure to provide documentation from a medical provider at least 24hrs in advance - handwritten notes are not accepted as official notice.
- **What does dual-delivery mean?**
  - SCA will offer two modalities for learning to start off the 2020-2021 school year. SCA faculty and staff will offer dual-delivery of instruction to students, educating those who report to SCA and those who chose to remain off-campus and learn.
  - SCA families previously selected their preference for instruction through a survey; any student that didn't enter a selection will automatically be designated for in-person learning.
  - SCA students will be committed to their chosen style of learning through, at least, October 2nd. Leading up to the October 2nd, there will be an opportunity to modify students' instructional preference as circumstances may change among the community and within our internal dynamics.

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- **What should virtual learners expect their day to look like?**
  - Students who select the virtual learning option will learn from home and instruction will be facilitated by SCA faculty through Google classroom.
  - Students will follow their regular schedule based on their grade level including all academics and humanities courses.
  - At the designated time for their courses based on their schedule, virtual learners will log in to the appropriate class and participate in live instruction and complete any work assigned by their teacher.
  - Virtual learners should expect to periodically take formal assessments on campus at SCA, administered by a certified proctor.
  - Virtual learning will elicit the same rigor and expectations as in-person learning with less opportunity for direct instruction.
  - Virtually learning students will be required to work more independently, need a designated learning space, and complete assignments as scheduled.
  - Virtual learners must follow the code of conduct and uphold SCA's core virtues and apply them while participating in classes remotely.
- **What should in-person learners expect their day to look like?**
  - SCA students will follow their regular schedule based on their grade level including all academics and humanities courses.
  - In-person instruction is a traditional school day with particular parameters to prevent the spread and potential exposure to COVID-19.
  - Keeping the health and safety of SCA students and staff in the forefront, SCA has exceeded the expectations for reopening schools set forth by the Georgia Department of Education, Governor Kemp, Georgia Department of Public Health, and the Center for Disease Control as outlined in their published guidance including:
    - **Daily Health Screenings & Symptom Monitoring**
      - All students and staff who report on-campus to SCA must self-monitor their symptoms at home and not come to school if they are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms including, but not limited to, fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.
      - Also, even if an SCA student or staff member isn't experiencing symptoms themselves, they should also stay at home if they have come in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 14 days.
      - At the beginning of the school day, SCA students and staff will be follow a specific arrival protocol. Once on campus, even in queue to be pre-screened, all SCA students and staff must wear a mask. Before being admitted into the

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SCA building, students and staff will have their temperature checked by newly installed thermal cameras or a handheld touchless thermometer.

- Any student who displays symptoms at school will be sent to the nurse and cared for in our isolation lounge which is a space set away from common areas and allows for easy access to an exit when the student's parent/guardian arrives to pick them up.
- **Social Distancing Measures**
  - Entrances and exits during arrival and dismissal will be appropriately marked to allow for proper social distancing.
  - SCA's classrooms will be rearranged to maximize the square footage and distance students and teachers.
  - All SCA Students will have their own workspaces outfitted with a clear desk barrier.
  - During transitions, SCA will make alterations to traffic flow patterns, making them one way whenever and wherever possible.
  - Floor markings will remind everyone to keep a safe distance from each other while traveling throughout the building.
- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**
  - While on campus, all students and staff will be required to properly wear a face mask. Should someone not have one, SCA will gladly provide one.
  - Additionally, SCA has other Personal Protective Equipment available for use throughout the school day including gloves and transparent face shields.
  - Lastly, state guidelines prevent schools from allowing students to share resources which includes the use of water fountains. SCA lower school students will be provided bottled water as needed, and upper school students will be supplied with refillable water bottles.
- **Reinforce Proper Hygiene**
  - Signage reinforcing proper hygiene practices to prevent the spread of germs, bacteria and viruses will be posted in entryways, bathrooms, hallways and in each classroom.
  - SCA students and staff will be reminded to wash/sanitize their hands frequently, refrain from touching their eyes, nose, and mouth, and shield others from their coughs and sneezes.
  - Over 100 automated hand sanitation stations have been strategically placed throughout campus including classrooms, restrooms, dining hall, gym, hallways, stairwells, etc.

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- **Alteration to Meal Service**
  - Meal service on-campus at SCA will be modified to minimize students' exposure to others.
  - Meal service will occur in small groups to allow for social distancing and may take place in classrooms, the dining hall, gym, or outside dependent upon the student's grade-level and schedule.
  - At every meal service students' will be socially distanced while moving through the line (when applicable) and while they eat.
  - Students are encouraged to pay their meal accounts electronically, whenever possible.
  - Students who opted for virtual learning will be able to participate in the school nutrition program. More details are forthcoming pending federal guidance.
- **Facility Upgrades**
  - SCA recently added a plasma ionization system to its HVAC units to purify the air circulated throughout the building and disinfect surfaces.
  - Temperature monitoring thermal cameras and touchless thermometers will be utilized prior to entering SCA and can also occur randomly throughout the day.
  - Installation of additional water bottle refilling stations.
  - SCA student and staff entrances are equipped with germicidal UV-C light fixtures.
- **No Sharing of Resources**
  - Students will have individual workspaces and will not be allowed to share materials and supplies.
  - Water fountains will not be operational.
- **How will student outcomes be assessed this year?**
  - SCA is a public charter school that has an operational contract with Georgia Department of Education. As a part of SCA's contract, SCA must administer required assessments and is held accountable to student outcomes to meet or exceed specific performance-based goals.
  - As such, SCA students cannot opt-out of assessments. Parents that wish to opt out of required assessments will also be opting out of continued enrollment at Savannah Classical Academy.
  - As a reminder, virtual learners should expect to periodically take formal assessments on campus at SCA, administered by a certified proctor.
- **What will morning arrival for on-campus students look like?**
  - Students must arrive to campus prior to 7:30am.
  - Student unloading zone will be in the rear parking lot, entering from Grove Street. Vehicles will not be able to enter Grove Street from Anderson Street. Vehicles must

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enter the carline from Paulson Street headed north turning left on East 31<sup>st</sup> Street exiting the parking lot onto Anderson Street.

- **What will afternoon dismissal look like?**
  - Carline will be in the rear parking lot, entering from Grove Street. Vehicles will not be able to enter Grove Street from Anderson Street. Vehicles must enter the carline from Paulson Street headed north turning left on East 31<sup>st</sup> Street exiting the parking lot onto Anderson Street.
- **Can my child periodically shift between in-person and virtual learning?**
  - SCA families previously selected their preference for instruction through a survey; any student that didn't enter a selection has been scheduled for on-campus learning.
  - SCA students will be committed to their chosen style of learning through, at least, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Leading up to the October 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will be an opportunity to modify students' instructional preference as circumstances may change among the community and within our SCA family's dynamics.
- **Can my child take some classes virtually and some in-person?**
  - SCA students will be committed to their chosen style of learning through, at least, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. No hybrid instruction is offered at this time.
- **If my child is a virtual learner, can they still participate in after school activities?**
  - SCA is constantly reviewing our ability to safely conduct after school activities. Conditions for after school activities are fluid. Sponsors and coaches will provide updates.
- **Does my child have to wear a face mask?**
  - Yes, face masks are required to be worn while on SCA's campus.
  - Face masks should be of a traditional style, worn by looping around the ears or tied behind the head. Gaiters, bandanas, scarves, etc. are not acceptable face masks.
  - SCA will gladly provide students with a disposable face mask but students may also wear their own they bring from home.
  - Supplied masks from home must be clean, free of holes, and tears. SCA is allowing flexibility regarding face masks adorned with designs as long as patterns are school appropriate, not distracting, and do not incorporate any lettering other than student names or initials.
- **Will virtual students sit in front of a computer all day?**
  - SCA's instructional day begins at 7:35am and concludes at 3:15pm. All learners, in-person and virtual, will follow their schedule which can be found in Power School.
  - Each teacher will develop their own course structure for virtual learners which will include attending live class sessions through video-conferencing platforms and working on assignments as instructed.

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- Breaks will be built into students' schedules during recess, lunch, when on-campus students are transitioning, and other structured breaks.
- **Will I be notified if my child's teacher or classmate tests positive for COVID-19?**
  - SCA believes in transparency and will be. After contact tracing, SCA will notify those who need to quarantine.
- **What happens if my child displays symptoms of COVID-19?**
  - Students who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms including, but not limited to, fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea, should not report to SCA.
  - Any student who displays symptoms at school will be sent to the nurse and isolated to an area that is set away from common areas and allows for easy access to an exit when the student's parent/guardian arrives to pick them up.
  - Out of an abundance of caution, to protect our SCA families, students, and staff, a student who experienced COVID-19 symptoms will not be allowed back on campus for 10 days (can return on the 11<sup>th</sup> day) assuming they have also been fever free, without the use of fever-reducing medication, for at least 24 hours.
  - Persons who display COVID-19 symptoms may or may not be tested. With or without a positive test, a symptomatic individual must follow the aforementioned protocol prior to returning to SCA.
- **What if my child is directly exposed to someone that has tested positive for COVID-19?**
  - Direct exposure is defined by the CDC and GPH as close contact (less than 6ft of distance) between individuals for 15 minutes or more without PPE.
  - Concerns of direct exposure arise when someone comes in contact, as described above, with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of their interaction.
  - If a student is directly exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 14 days the student will not be permitted to attend classes on-campus until after the required quarantine.
  - The CDC and GPH suggests if direct exposure occurs, self-quarantining for 14 days and monitoring of symptoms is recommended. As such, SCA will not permit students who have had direct exposure to COVID-19, symptomatic or not, to return to campus for 14 days after the incident (they can return to SCA on the 15<sup>th</sup> day after the exposure) as long as they have been symptom free for in the last 24 hours of quarantine.
- **What if my child tests positive for COVID-19 but is asymptomatic?**
  - Any student who gets a positive result from a COVID-19 test will not be allowed to report to classes for 10 days (can return on the 11<sup>th</sup> day) after their results were confirmed assuming they don't ever display any of the COVID-19 symptoms. Should

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symptoms arise during the 10 days self-quarantine period, the student wouldn't be permitted to return to campus until they were symptom free for at least 24 hours.

- **Are visitors or volunteers allowed on campus?**
  - SCA is not permitting visitors or volunteers on campus at this time.
- **For students who report to class in-person, what type of screening processes are in place?**
  - SCA students and staff will follow a specific arrival protocol. Once on campus, even in queue to be pre-screened, all SCA students and staff must wear a mask. Before being admitted into the SCA building, students and staff will have their temperature checked by newly installed thermal cameras or a handheld touchless thermometer.
  - Anyone with a 100.4 or higher temperature reading will not be permitted to enter SCA – staff will be sent home and students' parent/guardian will be called.
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  - Persons who display COVID-19 symptoms may or may not be tested. With or without a positive test, a symptomatic individual must follow the aforementioned protocol prior to returning to SCA.
- **What additional steps is SCA taking to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the risk to students and staff?**
  - SCA has exceeded the CDC and GDPH guidance on reopening schools. A copy of their published guidance can be found here –
  - SCA has sourced an abundance of supplies and equipment, made many facility upgrades, and implemented strategic protocol and procedures keeping the health and safety of our students and staff in the forefront of reopening decision making.
  - The following list is just a portion of the measures SCA has taken:
    - Entryway equipped with a germicidal UV-C light
    - Specialized mats designed to sanitize footwear
    - Social distancing markings at entrances/exits throughout campus
    - Installation of ionization systems HVAC to purify circulating air and disinfect surfaces
    - Over 100 strategically placed automated hand sanitizing stations
    - Touchless thermometers and thermal imaging cameras
    - Isolation lounge space

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- Installation of cameras in all classrooms
  - Contracted with custodial vendor with trained staff using appropriate virucide, sanitation chemicals, and foggers, with increased staff for whole school sanitation each day
  - Personal protective equipment provided to all students and staff including face masks, face shields, and gloves
  - Individualized furniture purchased and arranged to maximize classroom square footage
  - Clear desktop barriers for all students
  - Alteration to student and staff traffic and meal schedules to reduce interactions to smaller groups
  - Posting signage for reinforcement of proper personal hygiene and social distancing
  - Installation of additional water bottle refilling stations for upper school students
  - Bottled water provided for lower school students
- **How will meal service be conducted?**
    - Meal service on-campus at SCA will be modified to minimize students' exposure to others.
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    - At every meal service students' will be socially distanced while moving through the line (when applicable) and while they eat.
    - Students are encouraged to pay their meal accounts electronically, whenever possible.
    - Students who opted for virtual learning will be able to participate in the school nutrition program. Meals for breakfast and lunch will be available for pick-up on Mondays and Wednesdays between 1:00-2:00pm by the Grove Street entry ramp. If a holiday/school closure, meal pick up will be moved to the following operational day.
    - Breakfast is included for all SCA students and lunch cost is determined based on the submission of the SCA Nutrition Program Application - <http://savannahclassicalacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Savannah-Classical-Academy-Lunch-Application-002.pdf>
      - Full Price - \$3.00
      - Reduced Price - \$0.40

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