

THE ACADEMY OF SEMINOLE



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

RETURN TO SCHOOL INFORMATION FOR TAOS

I would like to inform you of the plans we are making for when we start school this year. We will begin school as scheduled with the first day of school being Monday, August 10th.

The following are important dates and information:

- **TAOS Virtual** is an option for families who would like to enroll their students in a distance learning environment for the fall semester. Please see the information at the end of this letter to find more details, and to register for the program. The deadline for registering for TAOS Virtual is July 31. We will also have a TAOS Virtual Meet the Teacher event on August 7 at 4pm, for those enrolled in the online program.
- For students in our traditional in-person program we will have a **Meet the Teacher Night** on August 6, 2020 starting at 6pm. You can visit your student's classroom and talk with their teacher. We will also have some tables in the main building where you can visit with different programs and vendors while maintaining social distancing. Our After-School program will also be present in the main building for you to sign your child grades Pre-K to 5th for after-school care.
- **Breakfast and lunches** will be served in the cafeteria. Many sanitization items have been ordered including wall-mounted hand sanitizers, non-contact thermometers, and Clorox wipes, Lysol spray, and antibacterial soap etc. We are adding additional lunch times to help lower the number of students who are together at one time.
- **Upon arrival** at school each student's temperature will be taken. If a student has a fever of 100 or above, they will not be allowed to stay at school that day, the student will not be allowed to return to school the following day, and must be fever-free for a minimum of 24 hours before they return. Students will go straight to their classrooms rather than meeting in the Armory as a group. Temperatures will also be taken before the student's go to lunch in the cafeteria.
- Unless the State Board of Education mandates a different policy, **masks** are optional for students at TAOS. If you are looking for mask options, the TAOS PTO has a mask with our logo and your child's name.
- We are awaiting guidelines from the State Department of Education, but for now we plan to keep students as self-contained as possible (staying with those in their own grade). If a student tests positive for COVID-19 we will require a 14 day quarantine of the other students in the same grade. Distance learning will be provided for students during the quarantine time.

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We continue to meet weekly to discuss needs and options for our students. We want you to know that the safety of our students and employees is of utmost importance to us. I will provide more updates as we get closer to our opening date.

Warm Regards,

Wren Hawthorne
Superintendent of School
The Academy of Seminole

TAOS VIRTUAL

Here are the highlights of our online program:

- If you choose the virtual option you must stay enrolled in the program at least through the fall semester. You can choose to return to the traditional campus after the winter break.
- The content is delivered asynchronous (meaning the student can work on content at the times that are convenient for your family)
- Students are required to have an online face-to-face meeting with their teacher once a day. These meetings will be on Zoom and the teacher will work out a scheduled time with you and your family. The core group of teachers are current TAOS teachers who will be providing assistance to students after-school with their work.
- For families that choose this option there must be a dedicated adult to be a learning facilitator for the student. This “facilitator” will have to be in a Zoom meeting at least once a week during the scheduled time.
- Attendance will be taken each day during the scheduled Zoom meeting. After 10 absences from the Zoom meeting a student will be unenrolled from TAOS Virtual, which is the same attendance rule for our traditional program. If students are sick the parent should email Mrs. Fletcher at stephanie.fletcher@theacademyof.org.
- Most of our students have Chromebooks issued from the school. However, if your student doesn't have a Chromebook the school will provide one.
- Our Meet the Teacher event for TAOS Virtual will be on August 7th at 4pm. A link to the Zoom meeting will be sent to you once you register your student(s) for the program.

If you would like to enroll your student in TAOS Virtual please go to:

<https://forms.gle/aJ4tsKGVbBwqgXxq6>