

Dear GSD Families,

Welcome Back! I hope you have been staying safe and healthy this summer and that your children are ready to return to school. Even though this school year will look different, LVS is committed to supporting our students and implementing district safety protocols at our campus. There are a few changes this year to increase the safety of our campus for staff, students, and families. Another letter will be sent before school starts for you to read about these new protocols for this school year.

As you know, due to this unprecedented time, we have many new families that have chosen the virtual learning option through LVS on a semester by semester basis. I know in any new school, especially switching from a face-to-face setting to a virtual setting, it can seem extremely overwhelming. Please know that you are not alone and we are here to help make the transition as smooth as possible. We will have additional staff from within the district that will be helping to mentor, teach, and support all of our students. In this letter, you will find a wealth of information. Please read through carefully as it does pertain to new and returning students.

### **Important Campus Changes:**

Due to the pandemic, Lakeshore Virtual will be waiving the 3 hours of required campus time for all students at this time. This is due to the limited space available and the PPE requirements. Our campus hours have changed this year as well due to the district's back to school plan. Our main campus at CHS and off sites in the district (buildings to be determined) will be open by appointment for students to come work or get one-on-one support on Mondays, Tuesday, Thursdays, and Fridays. Our main campus hours will be 7:30am-3:30pm and the hours of our off sites are being finalized. This year, all campus sites will be closed on Wednesdays for deep cleaning. Students will still be able to receive help and support on Wednesdays via video chat, text, email, or phone. Details of this process are still being finalized. More information to come!

### **Student Information:**

Before receiving your technology, login information, and schedule, all students MUST fill out the Enrollment Form at the bottom of this letter by August 28th. This is required in order to finalize your enrollment. This form includes the following: your computer agreement, whether you have internet access, what curriculum provider you want for classes (links to what these look like will be in the form), elective choices (see course guide at the end of this letter) change in contact information, and the student/parent contracts that are required for virtual learning.

Once this has been filled out and submitted, you will receive your schedule from your mentor via email before school starts. If you have questions about your schedule after you have received it via email, please contact your mentor or our counselor, Ms. Rosati. If you are not sure who to contact, please call 734-379-7090 and we will gladly assist you!

Grades K-5: Ms. Brozek ([brozekw@gibdist.net](mailto:brozekw@gibdist.net))

Grades 6-8: Ms. Wagner ([wagnerc@gibdist.net](mailto:wagnerc@gibdist.net))

Grades 9-10: Ms. Moritz ([moritzk@gibdist.net](mailto:moritzk@gibdist.net))

Grades 11-12: Ms. Firsdon ([firsdoc@gibdist.net](mailto:firsdoc@gibdist.net))

Special Education: Ms. Swift ([swiftb@gibdist.net](mailto:swiftb@gibdist.net))

The process for Chromebook pick-up will be explained in the schedule email. If you already have GSD technology, you will not receive new technology. \*Students with ipads will need to return these to exchange for

Chromebooks. If you have issues with your current Chromebook, you can send an email with your student's name and grade level to [technology@gibdist.net](mailto:technology@gibdist.net).

### **Webinars:**

As many of you are new to LVS and virtual learning, I know you have a lot of questions. We are providing all of our new families the opportunity to attend 3 important webinars that will provide information about virtual learning. To sign up for each webinar, a Student Orientation Form will be available at the bottom of this letter. Links to each webinar will be sent to those who sign up. You will see that some webinars are available to all students and some are only recommended for new students. We highly recommend that you attend or watch the recordings of these so that you have a successful school year.

#### **1) New Student Orientation Webinar:**

These webinars will be broken down into grade spans and will be an hour long, including a Q&A section. We ask that you please send your questions ahead of time so that we can address as many as possible in the presentation. You can submit your questions on the Orientation Webinar form when you sign up for your webinar. It is recommended that you attend the webinar for the grade span that your child is in. However, you may attend one for a different grade span if the time better suits your schedule. The overall information about LVS will be the same, but there are differences in curriculum platforms for K-5 and 6-12.

#### **2) New Student Curriculum Webinar:**

These webinars will be offered for new families to show you the curriculum provider for your child. These will walk you through the student interface and the parent interface. They will show you such things as how to monitor student progress, grades, submit assignments, and navigate through the platform. These will be split up by type of provider--Edgenuity (grades 6-12), Odysseyware (grades 6-12), and Lincoln Empowered (grades K-5). Links to the webinar will be sent to those who sign up.

#### **3) All Students Schoology Webinar:**

This webinar will show you the new GSD learning management system, Schoology. We will walk you through the platform where you will see our school calendar, important resources, and school updates. This is a district wide platform and you will continue to use this platform in any building for as a source of information.

#### **4) All Students Xello Webinars:**

Xello is a platform students use to complete their educational development plan that is required for all students, especially those enrolled in a virtual school. This platform allows students to explore their interests, careers, schools, and much more! More information will be provided once the school year begins. These webinars will be offered at a later date once students have started their classes and have assigned mentor teachers.

Finally, remember we are all in this together! We are here to support you and your child in any way we can so that they can have a great school year by building relationships with their teachers, mentors, and peers. I again welcome you to Lakeshore Virtual and can't wait to meet all of you!

**Links to Forms to fill out:**

**[New and Returning Students Enrollment Form](#)**

This must be filled out to finalize enrollment at LVS for all students. This form includes the following: your computer agreement, whether you have internet access, what curriculum provider you want for classes (links to what these look like will be in the form), any change in information, and the student/parent contracts that are required for virtual learning.

*Sincerely,*

***Danielle Zachary***

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