

Welcome Back Oxford Nation!

**Welcome to
The Oxford Academy**



Fall Academic and Residential Reopen Overview

2020-2021



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A message from the Head of School

Hello Oxford Nation,

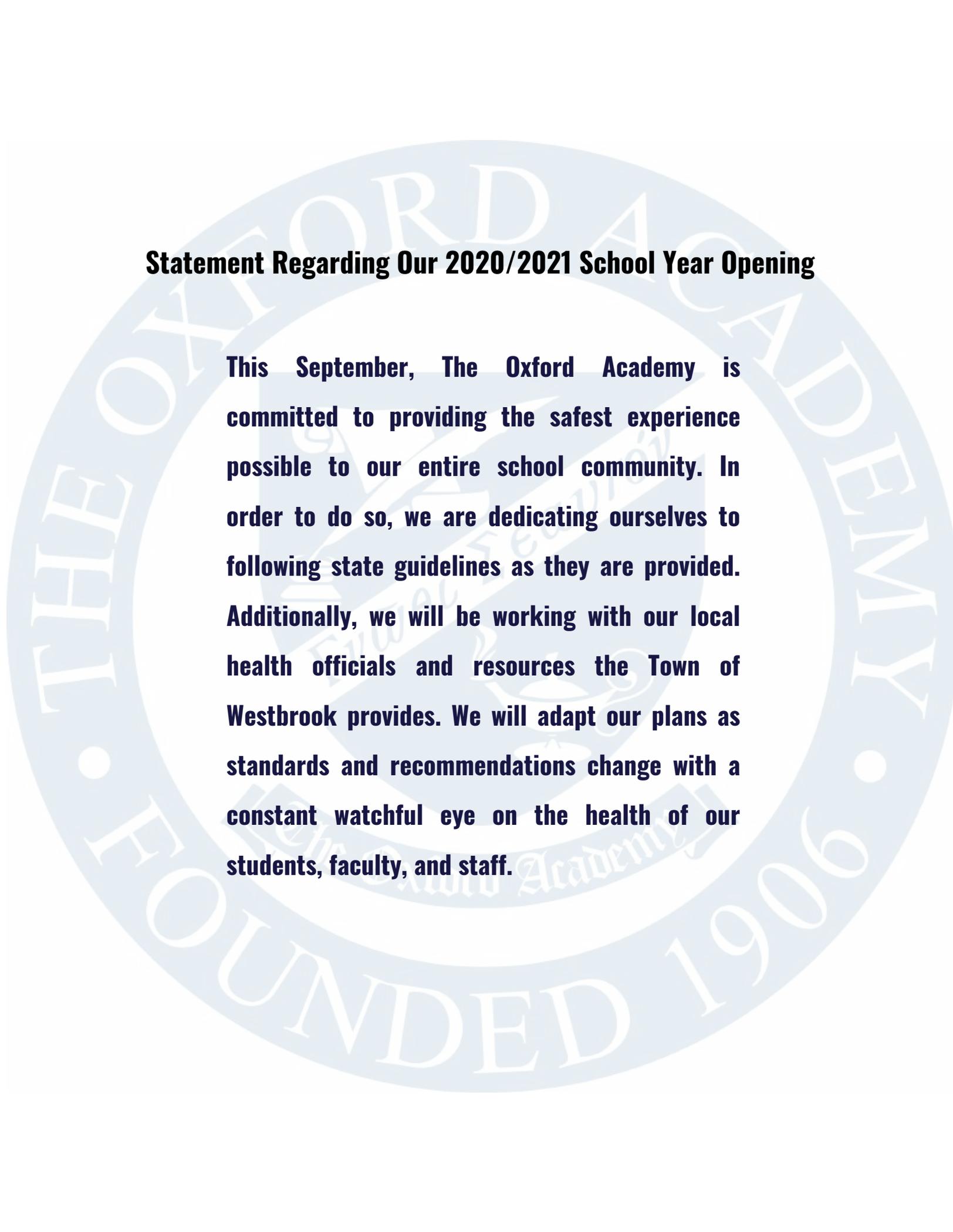
As it usually does, summer will most certainly fly by and we will be welcoming back our students in no time at all. Collectively, the faculty and staff are all excited to have our campus filled with students once again. Before we head into summer vacation, I wanted to share some brief specifics to outline our current course of life as you know it on campus.

While there will be some changes from now until our open, the following information may provide you with answers to some of your questions and concerns. That said, it is important to keep in mind we will be working through the summer to evaluate and evolve our plan in accordance with state rules, regulations, and best practices.

Due to the ever changing world we live in, I fully anticipate providing you all with updates and changes in our programming as we draw closer to returning to campus or as needed prior.

In the meantime, I would like to take the opportunity to wish all of you the best and express my excitement for the upcoming school year.

Regards,
Phil Cocchiola
Head of School



Statement Regarding Our 2020/2021 School Year Opening

This September, The Oxford Academy is committed to providing the safest experience possible to our entire school community. In order to do so, we are dedicating ourselves to following state guidelines as they are provided. Additionally, we will be working with our local health officials and resources the Town of Westbrook provides. We will adapt our plans as standards and recommendations change with a constant watchful eye on the health of our students, faculty, and staff.

Getting Here



Pre-Arrival

Please plan on submitting travel plans and work to arrange a time to be tested and receive results at least 4 days prior to arrival. Upon receiving a negative result, students should anticipate remaining in quarantine until they travel to campus. When you have made your travel plans, please contact our Admissions Office in order to arrange an arrival time. Families should review the provided checklist with our admissions packet and submit negative test results to our nurse Vivian Partridge before traveling to campus. Please do so by scanning a copy of the results and sending it to

nurse@oxfordacademy.net.



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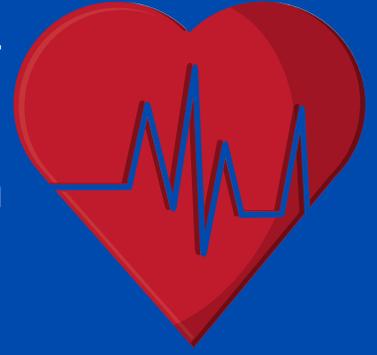
To minimize our contact points, this year students will be dropped off in two designated areas in front of our dormitories. Each station will have a representative from our Admissions Office on hand to help you with any paper work or questions you may have. Additionally, each site will have faculty and staff there to help your son move his belongings into his room. Unfortunately, parents and guardians will not be allowed to enter the dorms.

Students in need of more supplies will be taken to the store by the residential staff. We highly recommend at this time that you pre-order any items you anticipate needing via online marketplaces before arrival, and have them shipped to the school. These items will be in your son's room when he arrives.

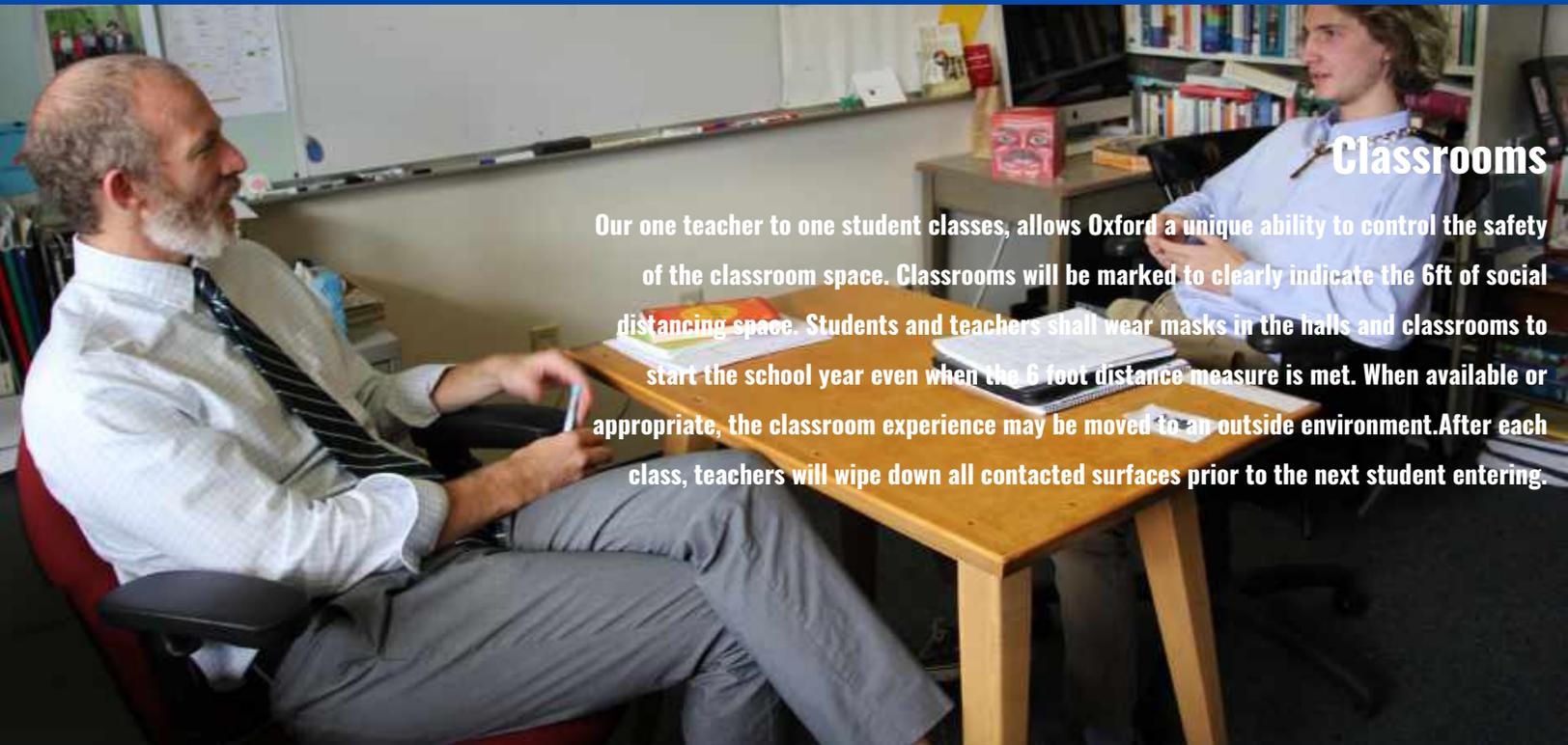


Health Monitoring

In order to keep a proactive stance against illness, all students and employees during our first two weeks of school will have their temperatures monitored on a daily basis to identify any possible active cases. Our nurse will monitor the overall health of the community and report directly to administrators on a daily basis. Added hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout the school building, and strong emphasis and reminder instructions on hand washing will be stressed at all times. Students and faculty are encouraged to take sick days when needed and avoid risking coming to school if they feel their health dictates it.



A portion of faculty and students will be tested repeatedly for COVID-19. Any student testing positive will be moved to our isolation space. In the interest of keeping the remainder of our population safe, families must have a plan in place to leave campus within 12 hours of a positive test. We understand this may be difficult for International students. Therefore, we will do our best to accommodate. However, families are encouraged to explore their options prior to coming to Oxford. We will ask families to provide a written plan, including necessary contact information to the school prior to arrival..



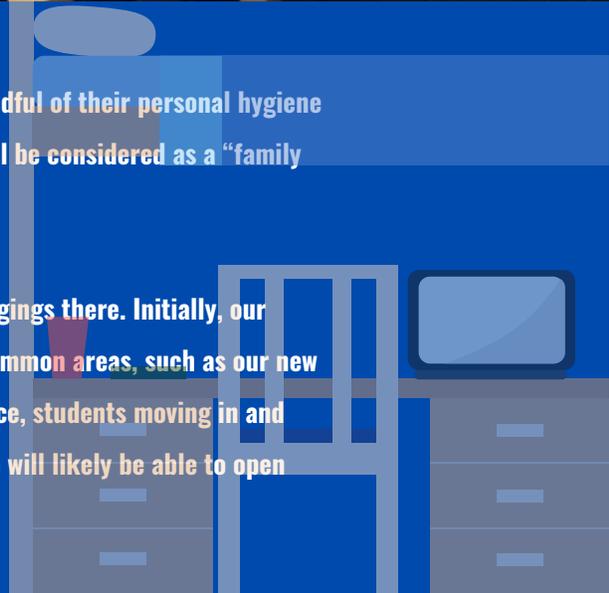
Classrooms

Our one teacher to one student classes, allows Oxford a unique ability to control the safety of the classroom space. Classrooms will be marked to clearly indicate the 6ft of social distancing space. Students and teachers shall wear masks in the halls and classrooms to start the school year even when the 6 foot distance measure is met. When available or appropriate, the classroom experience may be moved to an outside environment. After each class, teachers will wipe down all contacted surfaces prior to the next student entering.

Dorm Life

Our school is cleaned by a professional service. As such, students will be asked to be mindful of their personal hygiene and spaces. Students will be assigned a roommate. Sharing a space, these roommates will be considered as a “family unit” under our state guidelines.

Students will not be allowed to bring phones into the bathroom, nor store personal belongings there. Initially, our students may not visit each other in their rooms. We ask that socializing take place in common areas, such as our new recreation center or, when possible, outdoors. Lastly, when not in their own personal space, students moving in and around the dorm hallways should be wearing a mask. After our initial two week period we will likely be able to open dorm rooms to visitor options.



Study Hall

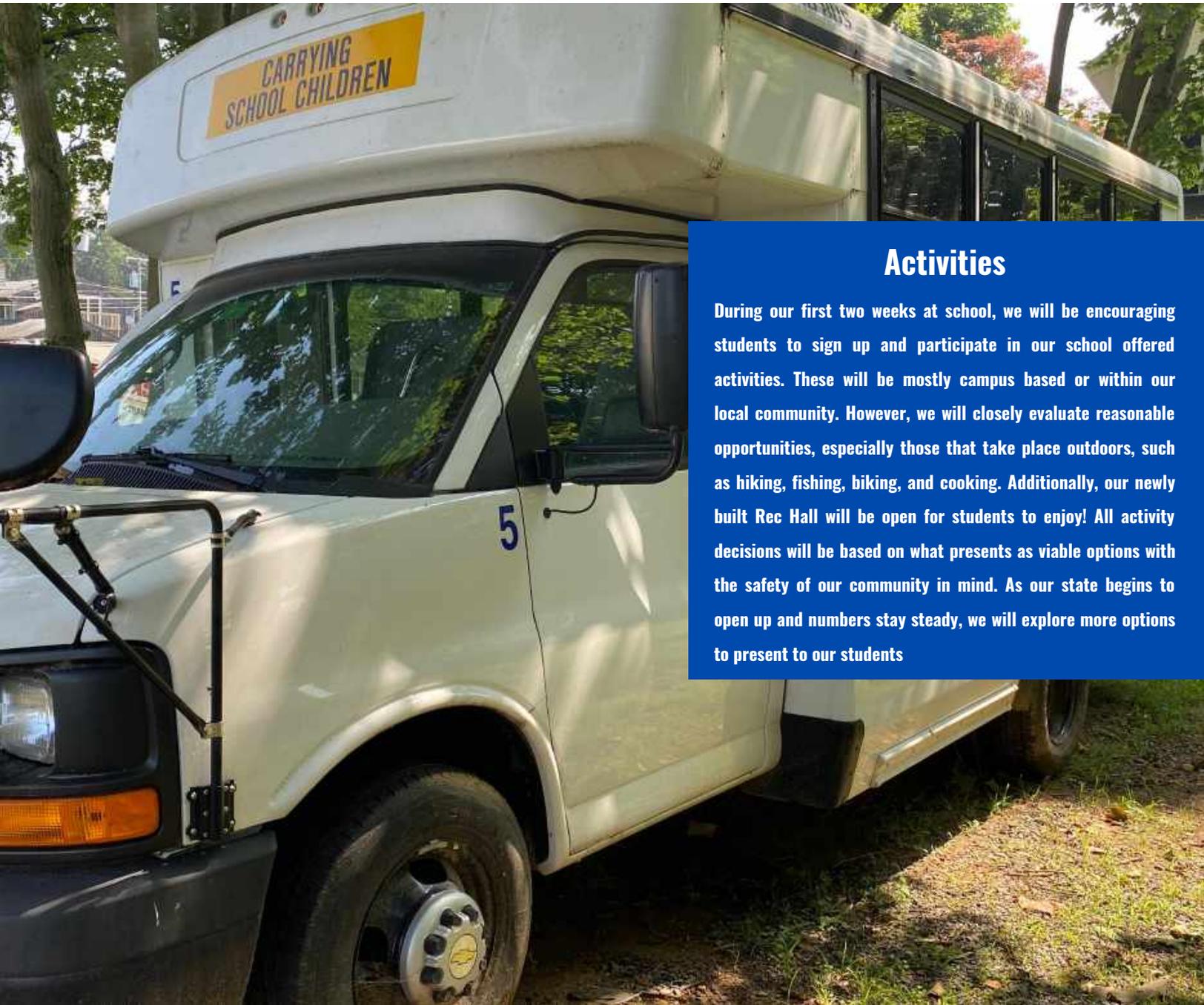
For the first two weeks of school, students will have daytime study hall in their dorm rooms. Each dorm will be proctored to ensure that work is being done. Students are to be seated at desks and working in an academic manner. Students who have honors may close their doors after 10:45 a.m. Until then, the exception is to have all doors open for proctors to easily observe students. After the initial two week intake period and retesting of students, study carrels will host 4 students per section. Each seat is enclosed with panels which provides a barrier for a safe and productive work site. Students working at their study hall desks will be required to wear masks. Nightly study halls will be conducted in rooms to start the school year. Students will also undergo a room inspection during this time, and be asked to shower and brush their teeth. Students who are engaged in work will have the opportunity to take care of nightly hygiene after finishing.



Athletics

For Sports and physical activities, students will be divided into small groups and rotate through various activities. There will be a great emphasis on being outside as weather permits, such as beach walks, fishing, bike riding, gardening, tennis, etc. These activities will be supervised by residential staff to ensure the health and integrity of our COVID-19 response measures. Varsity sport teams will meet as units and run in clinic/camp style. Team members will be working on skills in preparation for returning to competition when it is safe to do so. The gym will remain open, and our Athletic Director will set parameters for use based on our current state and local directives. Our weight room will have a signup sheet in order to limit the students and faculty in there at any given time. Masks must be worn during lifting and all used surfaces need to be wiped down after use.





Activities

During our first two weeks at school, we will be encouraging students to sign up and participate in our school offered activities. These will be mostly campus based or within our local community. However, we will closely evaluate reasonable opportunities, especially those that take place outdoors, such as hiking, fishing, biking, and cooking. Additionally, our newly built Rec Hall will be open for students to enjoy! All activity decisions will be based on what presents as viable options with the safety of our community in mind. As our state begins to open up and numbers stay steady, we will explore more options to present to our students

Weekend Trips, Town Travel, MISC

State guidelines will dictate the program's flexibility once students are here regarding trips and weekend activities. We will routinely evaluate our situation to accommodate changes. During our first term of school there will be no travel or visitors to campus in order to minimize unnecessary contact outside of our immediate community members. We understand that this may be difficult for families to adjust to but we are asking for everyone's support in order to create as much of a sealed environment as possible. Rest assured, when we can allow visitors and travel we will.

Until it is determined safe, students will not be allowed to independently access any stores in town. We will schedule routine trips to the grocery store, as well as local retail establishments in order to fulfill needs of our students.

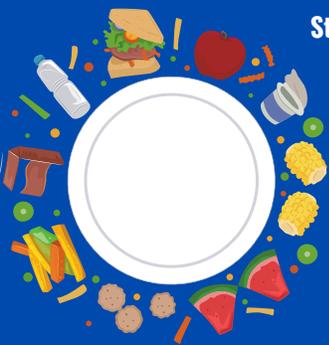




Dining



Students will be eating in shifts (by dorm) to allow for safe food distribution. In doing so, we will have a mix of assigned seating and outdoor options for “picnic style”. We are also looking at grab and go options for certain meals to help minimize the number of people in the dining hall. To facilitate our grab and go options, at this time, students are encouraged to bring a dorm sized refrigerator. This will allow for healthy snacks such as fruit and yogurt to be taken from the dining hall and stored safely. Lastly, The Oxford Academy dining services are overseen by our food service provider, Flik Independent School Dining. In conjunction with our school dining staff, we will follow the guidance they will provide to ensure a safe food distribution and dining hall experience.



Common Areas

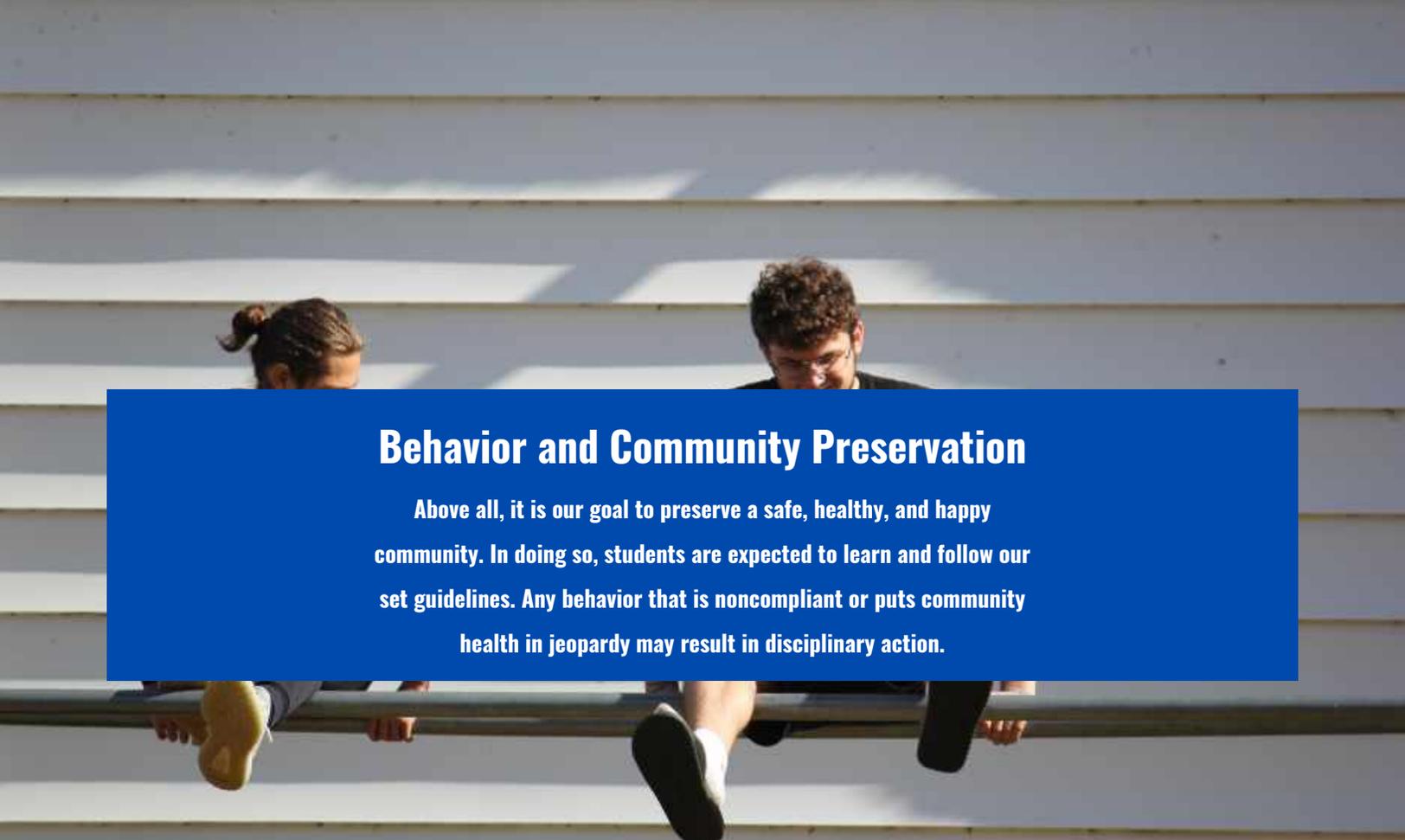
Dorm lounges will act as a staging area for all residential duty teams and will not be open initially for student use. Students will check-in and pass through as needed, and lingering will not be permitted regardless of the time of day. Duty teams will have access to disinfecting agents and will wipe down lounge surfaces after school, after dinner, after study hall, and before leaving at night. The gym and recreation center will be monitored and it is expected that students will use these places responsibly.





Thanksgiving Break

This year, we are allowing students to leave at Thanksgiving and plan to come back after our holiday break in January if they choose. This option should be explored by our international students, but may be exercised by anyone wishing to take this route. This advanced notice gives students and faculty time to prepare for transitioning to our DLP (Distance Learning Platform). Some aspects may be live, but considering international students and time zones, students may have asynchronous supplementation to their classroom experience. However, this would only be for a short period of time considering the end of the term and exams. The expectation is that there would be completion of all required assignments and exams.



Behavior and Community Preservation

Above all, it is our goal to preserve a safe, healthy, and happy community. In doing so, students are expected to learn and follow our set guidelines. Any behavior that is noncompliant or puts community health in jeopardy may result in disciplinary action.