



Dear Chesterbrook Academy Parents,

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, we would like to take a moment to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to all of our Chesterbrook Academy families for your unwavering support and optimism this school year, despite the exceptional challenges created by COVID-19.

Like so many traditions and celebrations impacted by the pandemic, we all know Thanksgiving may need to be approached a little differently this year. We are ever concerned about protecting the health and safety of everyone in our school community, so we encourage you to be "safety-smart" with regards to your Thanksgiving plans and activities. In particular, the CDC has published Thanksgiving/Holiday-specific COVID-19 guidance cautioning against "higher-risk" activities, which include the following:

- Going shopping in crowded stores just before, on, or after Thanksgiving
- Participating or being a spectator at a crowded race
- Attending crowded parades
- Attending large indoor gatherings with people from outside of your household

To review the full text of the CDC's Thanksgiving/Holiday-specific COVID-19 guidance, you can reference the following links:

- CDC – Celebrating Thanksgiving: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/thanksgiving.html>
- CDC – Holiday Celebrations and Small Gatherings: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>

As a final note, if you DO choose to travel outside of your local area for the holidays and/or participate in large gatherings/activities with others from outside of your household circle, we respectfully request that you keep your child(ren) at home from school for 14 days upon your return. (This request does not apply to Links to Learning Online Academy students.) We understand that this may pose an inconvenience, but we are committed to following the best practices outlined by the CDC and continuing to do our best to limit COVID-19 exposure within our school community.

Again, we greatly appreciate everyone's cooperation and partnership during this holiday season. We wish everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Vivian Robles
Principal