

Good Evening Judah Families:

Welcome back to school! We are so excited to open our doors again and welcome our amazing scholars back on campus. Our teachers and staff have been working diligently to get things ready for their arrival. At Judah, we are committed to providing your children with rich learning experiences. I personally believe in and take pride in always doing what is best for students. This are very uncertain times and things do continue to change. We are asked to pivot and adapt very quickly at times, and I apologize for what might seem as last-minute communication.

There are still many unknowns that I don't have answers to. Many concerns about what classroom arrangements look like and protocols are in place. I am doing my best to get as much to you as I can and once the teachers are back they will be going over lots of this during their Back to School Night presentations. Know that I am only following the guidance was provided to me form SCPH and our district. ALL of that has been shared many time over the last few weeks and is also available on our district website.

Information

- School Website: [Theodore Judah Website](#)
- Handbook will be in first day packets as well as on website
- Office Hours 7:30 AM- 3:30 PM
- Bell Schedules on Website.
- Instruction begins at 8:00 AM
- Cafeteria opens at 7:30 AM for breakfast.
- Students will be eating breakfast and lunches outside
- Masks are wore at all times in classrooms, recess and PE.
- Assigned seating in classroom is required for contact tracing purposes
- Teachers will be practicing routines and procedures of the first days of school.

Morning Routine/Drop Off

Please do not drop your child off before 7:45 AM unless they are eating breakfast with us in the morning. **There is no supervision until that time.***

Please don't park your car in the drop off area. This slows down the process and causes more chaos for us in the morning. If you would like to escort your child to the door, you **MUST** park in the neighborhood. Also please refrain from blocking our neighbors driveways.

- All doors will be open at 7:45 AM. Students will report to their assigned area until the bell rings. Teacher will pick up their children at those areas.
- Students may lock bikes up at bike rack on the east front entrance
- Student that have scooters can lock them up at the scooter rack inside our school. Please provide a lock.
- EK/Kinder students have their own entrance on the west side of the front of the school.
- Bus riders will enter the back gate and proceed to breakfast or their designated class area.
- If your child arrives after 8 AM, they will come to the office for a late slip.

Pick-Up

Safety is our first priority and we ask that you follow our procedures. Bell schedules are located on our school website.

- EK/Kinder students will be dismissed at 11:20 AM and escorted out by teachers. They will not be released until caregiver is present. Kinder bus riders and off campus after-school providers will pick those children up in front of the school at this time. Students attending the Academy of Scholars will be greeted by their staff and escorted to room #14.
- Primary and Intermediate students will be dismissed at 2:07 PM and 2:12 PM on M, T, W, F. Thursday is an early out day for staff collaboration time. Only on Thursday will they be dismissed at 1:07 PM and 1:12 PM collectively.
- Bus riders in grades 1-6 will report to the back of the school at dismissal
- Walkers and car riders will exit the all front doors. Teachers will practice this procedure with them.
- All students attending the ASES after-school program will be directed to their staff at dismissal.
- All other students will exit school at the front of the building

Back To School Night

Please mark your calendars for September 8th (Primary Grades K-3) and September 9th (Intermediate Grades 4-6) for virtual presentations with your classroom teacher. They will be sending

you their ZOOM meeting information over the next few days. The event will be from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Independent Study

For families that have expressed interest in attending Cap City for Independent Study, I empathize with the lack of communication as I am just now receiving a bit of what this will look like over the next few weeks. It seems this has been now pushed back to school sites to develop a plan. Teachers that have students that are registering at Cap City will be asked to provide Short Term Independent Study materials for the first 10 days of school. At least that is what I gather. They are just being notified of this now and haven't had time to plan for this. I recommend that you reach out to them. They may print out material in the form of packets or potentially use their digital classroom. Contractually they get to decide how to drive their instruction.

Attached you will find a Quarantine Forest Flowchart. This is meant as a resource as this is what we will follow regarding Positive Covid cases. We will have testing for you and your families on campus daily from 9Am- 3PM in our Care Room. More information will be shared in our first day packets.

MASK MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHEN IN THE BUILDING!
(except during lunch and snack time)

I am looking forward to another wonderful year. I welcome you to involve yourself in our school in a variety of ways. I welcome all our new families to Judah. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can answer questions or be of further assistance to you and your family. TOGETHER, we can make this school year a success!

Happy, Healthy, and Humble
Troy Holding