



SEABURYSCHOOL
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Jan. 5, 2021

Dear Seabury families:

Happy New Year, Seabury Families!

We are so happy to be starting 2021 with you! While there are many uncertainties about the months to come, we are happy about the first COVID vaccines and hopeful that the coming months will bring the beginning of the end to the pandemic.

On Dec. 16, the Washington State Department of Health revised its [guidelines for schools](#). The changes, based on the latest COVID research, are designed to continue the use of protocols to mitigate the risk of transmission at schools and also to get kids back to in-person learning as soon as possible.

Seabury is implementing plans to return to in-person learning, once again starting with classrooms in the earlier grades. Our pre-k class has been at school successfully all year. Our K-3 students had the opportunity to be in person for about 6 weeks in the fall, and our staff did an amazing job supporting both the students at school and those continuing in distance learning. We look forward to bringing the sounds of more kids' voices back to our campuses.

As was the case in the fall, when your child's classroom opens, you will have the option of moving your child to in-person learning, continuing distance learning, or shifting between the two with a minimum of 24 hours notice.

We will share more information as details are solidified.

In order to support students both at home and on campus, it is important for us to know your plans. ALL families of students in grades K-8 are asked to complete [THIS SURVEY](#) no later than **this Friday, Jan. 8**. It will take minutes and is critical for our preparations.

It is important to note that all plans we make for a return to in-person learning are tentative and depend on transmission rates remaining steady or declining, as well as Seabury having sufficient staff who are able to support learning at school. We are confident in the safety protocols we have had in place this fall and are grateful to have facilities at both campuses that allow for social distancing and cohort grouping.

Our next Coffee Chat is this Friday, Jan. 8, at 9:30am. I will provide an update on our plans and be ready to answer your questions about reopening or anything else you'd like to talk about. I hope that you can join us!

[Zoom LINK](#)

Meeting ID: 936 9534 7095

Password: Seabury

**In service,
Sandi Wollum
Head of school**