

Mountain Brook Schools  
Weekly Update  
August 13, 2021

MBS Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year! On Tuesday, Mountain Brook Schools opened its doors to our 4,446 students and embarked on a journey destined for learning, growth and success. Please take a moment to watch our [‘Welcome Back video’](#) highlighting our first few days back on campus.

While no situation is perfect, we believe in our community, its resilience, and its steadfast belief that children benefit from being in school. Our teachers and staff continue to excel in their pursuit of providing your children with the best education possible.

Much like last school year, things are changing on a daily basis and we are doing our best to monitor those changes and keep you updated. Our goal is to provide you with a weekly update regarding COVID-19 and other important happenings.

#### **MBS Good News**

- Kimi Blanton, the 2021 Ann Pritchard Award Winner [delivered her inspiring speech](#) (virtually as Institute Day for MBS teachers and staff was virtual this year)
- MBS welcomed 82 new faces to the school system for the start of the new school year
- MB Athletics finished Top 10 in the country (No. 8) in the [MaxPreps rankings](#) of the best all-around high school sports programs in the nation.

#### **Reported COVID Numbers (\*will be reported if case numbers >20)**

- 48 positive cases reported to the Mountain Brook School system this week
- 69 individuals designated as close contact by the 3 foot, 15-minute criteria from the ADPH
- 24 of the 69 close contact individuals were able to return to school due to full vaccination status and did not display symptoms

#### **Notification**

- Use the [MBS Symptom Tracker](#) to help make decisions regarding school attendance should your child feel unwell
- School nurses should be made aware of any possible symptoms and/or positive cases
- A school nurse will be on-call every weekend and cases/symptoms can be reported by texting or calling 205-703-1298
- Please see our [2021-22 Reopening Plan](#) for more information regarding screening, testing, school exclusion and more

#### **General Safety Reminders**

- Facial coverings are required indoors at all MBS facilities until further notice

- Maintain personal hygiene (wash hands for 20 seconds with soap and water, use hand sanitizer frequently)
- Remember to distance and avoid large crowds
- Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during these uncertain times.

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