



## Clelian Heights at a Glance



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## Welcome Back to Clelian Heights!



Students, adults, and staff have been transitioning from the online distance learning format that we employed for the second half of last year and our Extended School Year summer program, to face-to-face instruction for the 2020-2021 school year. The first two weeks of school have been orientation weeks with half of the student population attending on Mondays and Tuesdays and the second half on Thursdays and Fridays, with a cleaning and planning day for staff and online learning for students on Wednesdays. After the second week, all students who opted to attend in-person instruction will be present every day.

New policies and regulations have been put in place to protect everyone and ensure students can keep learning in a safe environment. Masks, face shields, increased cleaning, sanitizing, and social distancing protocols have become our new normal, and our staff is doing a marvelous job to support and encourage our students to stay safe.

You will notice in the accompanying images some changes to our classrooms. Staff members measured out six-foot areas around each desk while marking out the direction that the desks need to face with yellow tape to ensure students stay socially distanced. Students and staff are wearing masks or face shields, and remaining in their classrooms for lunch to eliminate

communal dining. Our teachers are taking advantage of the outdoor courtyard to get their students out of their classrooms while remaining distanced from other rooms. Along with these changes made evident in the photos, teachers, staff, and administration have put into place a plethora of procedures recommended by the CDC and the PA Department of Health to keep our community functioning and safe.

Even with all of the changes and added procedures, our school is buzzing with positivity. We are excited to share our experiences so far, and have gathered testimonials from staff about the beginning of this unique year. Here are some of thoughts from our school staff ...

“I am happy to see everyone and to get to know the new students.”

“Mask wearing is difficult, but our students are doing their best to wear them.”

“I really liked starting the year with half my class at a time.”

“Wearing masks is a lot for kids and staff to deal with, but I am impressed with how well they are doing with wearing masks and social distancing.”

“It’s been very difficult, but very nice to be back in the Clelian Heights atmosphere again.”

“It’s going better than I expected.”

Our Clelian Heights community has done a great job thus far following our new rules and protocols. We have prepared and planned for many months to support our staff to provide safe learning experiences this year, and keep meeting the needs of our unique students. Our goal is to continue to provide in-person instruction while keeping our students safe. Thank you for your support and your patience as we transition to our new normal.



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