



LIFE CENTER ACADEMY

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Greetings LCA families,

We hope that you are having an awesome summer break! We are enjoying our summer too, but we are also busy planning for your return to school. In that planning, we realize there are a few things you need to know before we get to back to school night, therefore we are sending this out to you in advance.

****Please note that the student handbooks on the website have NOT been changed yet, but will be updated prior to the first day of school. Please refer to this letter as the official word for September 1, 2021 in these areas:**

- All classes will be held in-person on campus. In the event a quarantine is needed, we will still offer a virtual option for any absence lasting longer than 3 days. More than 3 days will require a medical note (or negative test result if Covid is suspected) to return to school. Any absence less than 3 days will be treated like a traditional absence with make-up work being provided upon the student's return to school.
- Masks – As per the state and federal guidelines, MASKS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED FOR THE 2021-2022 school year. However, we realize that there are teachers, parents and students who will feel more comfortable continuing to wear a mask, so masks will be OPTIONAL for those that choose to wear them. If you are unvaccinated, the recommendation is still to wear a mask, so we encourage anyone who feels safer wearing a mask to do so, vaccinated or not, and we will support the choice of your family either way.
- School uniform – Due to the relaxed COVID guidelines, we will be able to use our locker rooms again, so we are returning to the **traditional school uniform**. The gym uniform will be worn for gym class ONLY in grades 6-12 and on gym days for grades K-5. ALL school uniforms are to be purchased through **Flynn and O'Hara** as in previous years. The traditional uniform consists of:
 - Red or black polo shirt (long or short sleeve) with the school logo embroidered on it
 - Khaki pants
 - Khaki skirts or skorts are optional for the girls (with black or red knee-high socks)
 - Black zip up hooded sweatshirt with the school logo from Flynn & O'Hara OR any other zip-up LCA hoodie or warm-up jacket from this website only:
<https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/newjersey/burlington/life-center-academy>

Items that will **NOT** be allowed this school year are the following:

- Khakis that do not fit like traditional Khakis (stretch, jegging, legging, skinny jean, etc.) They MUST have a proper fit or they will not be allowed in school. They must also be worn at the waist and not showing any of your undergarments.
- Crocs, slippers, or any other open back or open toe shoes. **All shoes must be closed toe and closed heel.**
- Shirts or clothing that represent any other group, logo, school, team, etc. LCA approved gear are the only items allowed during the school day in class or at gym. (After school activities, such as athletics practices, are at the discretion of the coach and athletic director.) The exception to this will be on special school activity days like "Spirit Week" and you will receive a schedule and guidelines for that event.

The PE uniform remains unchanged: loose fitting black sweat pants that have an elastic bottom on the pant legs and red LCA shirt from Flynn & O'Hara.

There will be more information on the 2021-2022 school year in the coming weeks. We look forward to seeing you in September!

God bless you,

Rev. Russell Hodgins

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