



*From the Desk of  
Brandon Ferguson  
Westbank Campus Principal*

## **INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF LOUISIANA**

Dear Westbank Families,

Thank you for a great start to our school year! It is exciting to see our students in the building, and we appreciate your patience, cooperation, and flexibility as we iron out any kinks. Please know that we are very much aware of the current environment, and your concerns do not fall on deaf ears. The ISL staff and I are working hard to ensure everyone's safety while continuing to deliver a world-class education during this unprecedented time.

Thank you for sending your students to school with their masks on, thank you for wearing your mask when you step onto school property, thank you for appropriately socially distancing while waiting to pick up your student, and thank you for keeping your student home if they are sick. Thank you for smiling with your eyes and sending words of encouragement and appreciation. My staff and I need to hear those good things too. We truly appreciate each of you for doing your part!

### **LEAP Scores**

2020-21 LEAP Scores will be available for pickup during Afternoon dismissal. There will be a table set up where parents will need to sign the scores out.

- 3rd-grade scores (current 4th-grade students) on Monday, August 23
- 4th-grade scores (current 5th-grade students) on Tuesday, August 24

If you cannot pick up during your scheduled day, you may contact the front office to arrange a pick-up time. All scores not picked up by Friday, August 27, will be sent up the following week in the blue Home/School Connection Folders.

### **Morning Drop Off Reminders**

- The use of cellular devices in a school zone is against the law.
- Please make sure that each student is ready with masks and book bags to exit the vehicle.
- Please do not block the driveways of our neighbors.
- Please avoid parking next to the carpool drop-off if you plan to walk your child to the entrance. We want to avoid having students and parents walking through vehicles in the line for everyone's safety.

We appreciate your cooperation in staying alert and keeping our students and staff safe.



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### **Rainy Day Dismissal**

- **502 Olivier:** Due to construction, dismissal will be from the classroom (same every day).
  - Parents will enter the gate from Vallette St., go into the modular from the back double doors, collect their child, exit modular through the front doors, walk down the ramp, enter the small playground, and exit the campus onto Olivier St. through the gate on the playground. Someone will be stationed at the Vallette St. gate and modular door to control the number of people entering the building at one time.
- **1415 Teche: Dismissal will happen from the classroom as each room has a door that opens to the outside. Signs have been placed in the window above each classroom.**
  - 4th and S3B will dismiss from the front of the building
  - 2nd, S3A, and 5th will dismiss from the back of the building
  - 5th grade will dismiss from the stairway doors

### **Touring 1415 Teche**

While most parents have gotten to take a peek inside the classrooms during our rainy day dismissal, I am happy to provide a tour of the building after all students have been dismissed for the day at 4:00 PM. Don't hesitate to contact me via email if you are interested and arrange a day.

### **School health Information:**

**Health forms** were sent home with students this week with students in their home/school connection folder. Please return them, as soon as possible.

- If there is any medication that needs to be left in school, let the nurse know. She cannot receive the medicine from a child. It must be from a parent or guardian.

**BinaxNOW COVID-19 test Consent Form and HIPAA form** were also sent home.

- We will always contact the parent/guardian for verbal consent before testing your child at school, even if you fill out the written consent.

**Children exhibiting symptoms:** If your child is feeling unwell and you are unsure of what to do, please keep your child home and notify the nurse. She will walk you through what to do next.

- If anyone in your house is positive for COVID, keep your child home and let us know. They will be medically excused.



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### **Emergency Alerts at ISL**

Please click on the following link to read about emergency alerts at ISL: [Emergency Alerts at ISL](#)

### **What can I expect if a class must be quarantined?**

- If it happens during the week and at school
  - The school nurse will notify parents.
  - The teacher will send a packet, materials, and directions regarding how students will be learning while in ICP (online classes)
- If we are notified that a child tested positive and was at school on Friday
  - The school nurse will notify parents.
  - Teachers will send their weekly updates on Sunday, providing specific information about instruction with your child.
  - Parents will be notified via a Power School email and PowerAlert the time for picking the teacher's packet the following Monday. ICP classes will not be conducted during that Monday. Students will be required to work asynchronously from home.

### **If a child has tested positive within 90 days, do they quarantine?**

Children who have tested positive may not be required to quarantine after exposure for 90 days of being Covid positive. However, our Head of School is in the process of reviewing this information and consulting with the appropriate organizations/authorities. Information will be sent to families if the current Covid Policy is updated. In the meantime, please refer to the existing policies and procedures.

### **Parent Orientation Meeting/Family Engagement**

In case you missed it, here is the link to the Parent Orientation Meeting held on Tuesday, August 10, 2021: [click here](#).

Please, remember to always check the Westbank Community Page at [www.isl-edu.org](http://www.isl-edu.org) for the most updated information and to locate information that you may have missed.

Sincerely,  
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