



## **A MESSAGE FROM SUZANNE STELL AND EVE HERMAN**

January 2, 2021

Dear Shelton Parents,

On this, the second day of 2021, we hope you have enjoyed celebrating the new year. Some of you may have offered a toast with bubbly champagne. Others of you may have prepared black-eyed peas or cabbage, or whatever is your family's food tradition to bring good luck. Whatever it is, we hope you doubled the measure as we rang in 2021!

Thank you for your partnership in 2020 as we worked together in the COVID-19 environment. We seek that same partnership and team spirit as we resume school this coming week.

Monday, January 4 is an in-service day for faculty and staff. Our plan is for students to be back on campus Tuesday morning, January 5 for in-person learning. We look forward to seeing them! As we write, people are on campus, cleaning, sanitizing and preparing for that occasion.

We have continued to monitor COVID-19 activity locally during the holiday break and posted Shelton-specific updates on our website. As we onboard for 2021, we must continue to do our part to keep everyone safe and healthy. You are undoubtedly aware of the high number of COVID-19 case and hospitalization numbers being experienced here locally.

With those numbers in mind, we ask you to consider self-quarantining if you have travelled or been in close contact with anyone outside your household group during the break, since these two factors greatly increase the risk of exposure to the virus. The CDC continues to recommend a 14-day quarantine as the most cautious approach if a person has been in close contact with someone who is positive for COVID-19, since the disease has an incubation period up to 14 days. Fourteen days is also recommended by Dallas County Department of Health & Human Services. At this time, Shelton has not changed our quarantine period. We are still observing the 14-day quarantine period.

Please err on the side of being overly cautious and keep your child (children) at home if there is any possibility of exposure to a positive case. If your child, anyone in the family, or anyone they have been around, is awaiting COVID test results, please keep your child at home until test results are known.

Everyone -- students, faculty and staff -- will resume daily use of the SchoolPass Wellness Screening app.

Per our normal procedure, please remember to notify [Eve Herman](#) or use the SchoolPass Wellness Screening app to report if anyone in your household has tested positive or is a close contact. Remember that it is still possible for students to switch to remote learning. If you have decided to switch your child(ren) to at-home learning, please email [Eve Herman](#), as well as your child's advisor. Eve will change your child(ren) to "exempt" in SchoolPass so that you don't need to complete the Wellness screening each day.

We remain vigilant in keeping our community -- students, teachers, faculty and staff -- healthy. Each one of us plays an ever-important role in this process.

Enjoy the remaining days of our winter break. Thank you, and let's go, Chargers!

Sincerely,

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