



“The World Is Our Family”

A North Carolina Public Charter School

CAROLINA
International School

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Hello CIS Community,

We will begin our 2020 – 2021 school academic year, in a one short week. We are excited to reacquaint with our students even though the beginning of the 2020-2021 school will begin with remote instruction, we will begin strong! Our staff and teachers will participate in virtual meetings and trainings this week to ensure our curriculum, instruction and lessons are of substantial quality for our students.

Our excitement and enthusiasm has never wavered, yet in view of our current pandemic situation, we have adjusted our previous perceptions of a new school years and have developed new perspectives. I know from your emails and communication there is a sense of anxiety and concern as to how our present situation will affect the lives of our students, both academically and socially. Together, we will provide a successful experience for our students.

We have two exciting events planned for you this week, a virtual Forum mid-week, and virtual Open Houses on Friday, August 14. For the virtual Forum please read the following information from Mr. Canty, our CIS Head of School:

We are hosting this forum to provide a chance to discuss the current climate around the country, COVID-19, and ways we can support one another. There will be a panel discussion with our Assistant Principals, Principal, and Head of School. We will also have a Q&A with our Head of School to conclude the forum. All parents must pre-register to attend this forum.

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Aug 12, 2020 03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: CIS Community Forum: A Discussion with The Leadership Team

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-B7XmnRPQA27_mJZ3qi7YQ

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Thank you all for your partnership and support!
Joseph Canty

You will also want to attend our virtual Open Houses on Friday August 14, to “Welcome You, Back to School”! This will be an exciting event. You will receive an introduction from each of our staff and faculty members. Additional information as to joining the Zoom link will be coming this week.

CAROLINA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL - VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

LIVE Meet the Teacher Q&A

For all students

**Elementary
School**

August 14 | 4 - 5 pm

**Middle
School**

August 14 | 5 - 6 pm

**High
School**

August 14 | 6 - 7 pm

All events will be hosted on ZOOM

We would like to clarify one critical aspect of our plans for instructing and maintaining safety for our students. If following our initial four weeks of remote instruction, a decision is made to begin a hybrid model of instruction, allowing a portion of students to return to school, for two days per week, this does not require every student must receive instruction on campus. **As a NC parent of a student in a traditional or charter school, you have the right to request your child to continue to receive remote instruction, and to remain as a student enrolled in CIS.** Your student will continue to receive remote instruction for the remainder of the school year, or until you feel it safe for your student to return to campus for instruction. Whether your student is receiving instruction remotely or on campus, your child will receive continued instruction from our CIS teachers and staff. **You do not need to withdraw in an effort to receive remote instruction.** We are here for you and your family and to educate our CIS students in the safest manner possible. Even within families of multiple siblings, you may choose for one child to remain receiving remote instruction, yet another sibling, may receive on campus instruction. Each child is an individual and as the parent you have the authority to make these decisions based upon your child's needs, and remain enrolled as a student at CIS

As a team we are always available to assist with your questions. Your student's homeroom teacher will be making contact with you throughout the week. We thank you for providing us with information as to your needs as we begin this school year. Attached you will find information as Community Outreach events for you. While this is a very different experience for all of us, we are committed in providing our students a safe and productive learning environment.

Stay healthy, stay safe,

Donna Harkey, Principal

Joseph Canty, Head of School