



August 13, 2020

Dear HVWS Community,

We hope everyone is recovered from the storm and power is restored to all. In the end, it was probably the right week for the school offices closure!

Just a brief note to reconnect and to remind you of some upcoming dates:

### **Leadership Council Office Hours**

We want to hear what is on your mind and get feedback on the reopening plan.

<https://www.waldorfct.org/wp-content/uploads/HVWS-Campus-Reopening-Plan-July-24-2020.pdf>

Email [leadership@waldorfct.org](mailto:leadership@waldorfct.org) for the meeting link.

- August 12 at 7pm
- August 17 at 10am

### **Town Hall Meeting**

Updates on budget, enrollment, outdoor learning spaces and improvements, and more!

- August 26 at 7pm

### **Volunteer Help Needed**

We left the campus quickly in March and could use some help preparing for September. We are scheduling 2 workdays for generalized clean up and organization and will most likely schedule more. For health and safety reasons, these will be adult only workdays and it is important that you RSVP vs. surprise us so we can be conscious of the number of people on campus at any given time. If you can help, please email [tlederer@waldorfct.org](mailto:tlederer@waldorfct.org).

- August 14 from 12pm to 4pm
- August 20 from 10am to 2pm

As part of our outdoor learning spaces we are in search of tree stumps to augment seating. We are looking to create 2 stump groves on the grades playground to be used for outdoor classrooms and for recess. Ideally, we would have 30 total 12" to 16" high stumps that are between 12" and 16" in diameter. If you can help, please email [aexley@waldorfct.org](mailto:aexley@waldorfct.org).

## **Back to School Meetings/Parent Orientations**

All parents are required to attend one of the meetings to go over new health and safety procedures.

### Early Childhood

- September 1 at 8 pm

### Grades

- September 2 at 4:30 pm
- September 3rd at 7pm

## **Calendar Notes**

### Grade School

September 9 and 10, the first and second day of school for the grade school will be half days for all grades students (note this is a change) to support students' safe return to school both physically and emotionally.

### Early Childhood

September 10, first day of school

## **Travel**

As the start of school draws near, please keep in mind any late summer travel. The State of Connecticut has strict quarantine requirements in place for visitors traveling to CT from areas with high rates of COVID-19 infection. <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/travel> If you have any travel plans that will occur within 14 days of the start of school (on or after August 26th), please make sure you are aware of any quarantine requirements. If your child will miss the start of school because of a required quarantine, please let us know in advance.

As Connecticut continues to lead the nation in containment of the virus, we plan for the fall optimistically. While some of our campus experience will look different, some things will not change – our care for one another, our commitment to health and social/emotional wellbeing of our school community, and our dedication to our students' rich and deep educational experience.

HVWS continues to be committed to its mission of providing a lasting education that cultivates resilient and creative human beings who are capable of free thinking, confident action, and deep connections with others and the world, while keeping the community as safe as possible.

With warm regards,

The Leadership Council and Task Force