



## **Longleaf Board Update**

**An Update from the Longleaf School of the Arts Board of Directors**

**August 14, 2017**

- School will start on Wednesday August 23 at our temporary location of 9400 Forum Drive, Raleigh. The bell schedule will remain 8:30-3:30.
- The staff and faculty have been busy setting up classrooms and look forward to welcoming all of our new and returning students.

### **Transportation Information**

- We recognize that our temporary location at 9400 Forum Drive will create transportation challenges for some families. In an effort to help with these challenges we would like to share the following information.
- The school building at 9400 Forum Drive will be open from **7am** until **5pm** to allow for early drop-off and late pick-up. Students will not be allowed to come and go from the school building. Once they arrive in the morning, they will not be allowed to leave. Once they leave in the afternoon, they will not be allowed to return. The snack cart will be open after school.
- 9400 Forum Drive is located in Six Forks Station shopping center. There are multiple restaurants in Six Forks Station that are open after 5pm. Two restaurants in Six Forks Station are open before 7am: Starbucks opens at 5am and Chick-fil-A opens at 6am.
- There is ample free parking at the Forum Drive location for student drivers.
- The Forum Drive location is served by GoRaleigh bus route 8. GoRaleigh offers a reduced rate for students. <http://bit.ly/GoRaleighBus>
- NC Quickpass offers reduced rates on the toll section of the Triangle Expressway / I-540. <http://bit.ly/NCQuickPass>
- Families are encouraged to carpool and use regional carpool meeting locations. Any driver with a seat available can help other families by registering on the PTSO carpool form. <http://bit.ly/LSACarpool>
- Longleaf parking and non-wardrobe arts fees will be waived this year to help families with transportation costs.

## **Longleaf Shuttles**

- Longleaf will offer shuttle buses through an independent contractor: Charter School Bus Company, Inc.
- Shuttle bus stop locations are based on our student population distribution, bus seat availability, and survey results. We wish we could provide shuttles at additional locations, but resources are limited, and we must focus on the largest areas of need and use the shuttle seats efficiently.
- Longleaf shuttles will have no fee for students.
- Supervision will not be provided at shuttle bus stops.
- There will be a shuttle bus stop at 319 Chapanoke Rd with morning, after school, and late routes. 50 parking spaces are available at the Chapanoke shuttle stop.
- There will be a shuttle bus stop at 207 East Hargett St with morning, after school, and late routes. No parking is available at the Hargett shuttle stop.
- Shuttle seats must be requested in advance by filling out the shuttle request form, and the school will assign shuttle seats based on the requests received.
- Families can request a permanent seat on the late shuttle via the shuttle request form if needed every day.
- Single-day passes for the late bus will be available as space permits for those staying occasionally for tutoring or clubs. The school is in the process of setting up the procedure for requesting single-day late bus passes.
- There may be a shuttle bus stop in Cary with morning and afterschool stops. There will not be a late route to Cary. Decisions on a Cary shuttle will be based on responses to the shuttle seat request form.
- To request a shuttle seat, fill out this google form.  
<http://bit.ly/TransportationShuttleBus>

## **9400 Forum Drive, located in Six Forks Station shopping center**

- Our temporary site at 9400 Forum Drive is a standalone building with a Certificate of Occupancy for Education. The building has been used by Magellan Charter School, Endeavor Charter School, and Envision Science Academy.
- The building has 23 classroom spaces, offices, an outdoor courtyard, and ample parking. The one-story building has wifi access and lots of natural light.
- Some students will walk with their class to take certain arts electives in the CC and Co dance studios located within the Six Forks Station shopping center. These classes will be taught by Longleaf teachers and may include dance, theatre and chorus.
- The temporary location at Forum Drive allows us to keep our growing school population together on one campus, maintaining our strong sense of community and avoiding a split campus that would negatively impact class scheduling.

## **322 Chapanoke Road Site**

- Our lease for the Chapanoke Road site is a 15-year lease with two 15-year options to renew.
- Construction at our new site on Chapanoke Road is divided into two phases.
- Phase one is an interior upfit of an existing 50,000 square foot two-story building. The second floor will house academic classrooms. The first floor will house offices; a large multi-use room; an open gallery; and visual, choral, and instrumental arts suites.
- Phase two is a 10,000 square foot new addition that will house the black box theatre, two dance studios, and some backstage areas.
- Completion of phase one is required for the school to move to Chapanoke Road.
- The school has entered into a new contract with Jim Lage of Covenant Construction Consulting to monitor, advise, and report weekly on construction progress.
- Phase one is expected to be completed in time for the school to move to the Chapanoke site for the second semester.
- Phase two is expected to have the exterior completed before the second semester so that interior work on phase two will not interfere with school.
- Our current plan is to occupy the Chapanoke site for the second semester, but the school has a holdover provision in the Forum Drive lease in the event we experience another construction delay.

## **Questions and concerns of Longleaf families**

- Thank you to all who have shared your questions and concerns. They have been instrumental in our planning process and have informed many of our decisions. We had more than 230 families complete our survey, we had many families call into the open phone line that was available August 1 through August 11, and we have received many emails.
- If you still have questions or concerns, please email [chapanokeupdates@longleafschool.com](mailto:chapanokeupdates@longleafschool.com)