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The VPSL Column

Dear Students,

Welcome to week two of the fall semester!

I want to start my letter by acknowledging how hard last week was for our community. We felt the impact of the tragic accident as a campus community, and I'm moved and humbled by the way in which we came together last week to support each other and to make space for our grief in all of its forms. Let's continue to show that grace and compassion for ourselves and to one another, giving space to those who need it, moving forward as we can, and lifting each other up as we are able.

As a reminder, here are some places to find support if you need it:

- Students may access staff in the **Office of Spiritual Life** by calling (503) 768-7082.
- To access **Counseling support**, please walk in to the Templeton 180 clinic ("garden level", next to the Health Service). If you prefer to schedule an appointment, please call 503-768-7160 or email counsel@lclark.edu.
- Valerie White in the **Ombuds Office** is available by phone or email: (503) 768-7336 or ombuds@lclark.edu.
- If you are a resident, you may seek support with your specific [Area Director](#) in **Campus Living**.
- If you have questions about a campus resource, or don't know exactly who to contact, please do not hesitate to reach the staff in the **Office of the Vice President for Student Life** at: vpsl@lclark.edu; (503) 768-7110.

I hope you were able to find a little respite and even joy in the sunny weather and campus activity over the long weekend. Pio Fair on Friday was very exciting—the array of clubs, organizations, and activities on display was amazing! And our sports teams are off to great starts; [football](#) got a decisive home-opener win, [volleyball](#) posted their first win with their new coach, [women's soccer](#) played a shutout match, and [men's cross-country](#) put in a strong showing. Roll Pios!

Lastly, a friendly reminder about facial coverings...

While mask-wearing is generally optional on the Lewis & Clark campus, we always encourage anyone who wants or needs to maintain a high level of protection to continue masking based on their own needs and judgment. Please review the Covid-19 Ongoing Response link [here](#) for more details and updates and [what you should do](#) if you experience symptoms or test positive.

- KN95 masks can be purchased at the bookstore.
- Surgical masks are provided at the Health Promotion and Wellness office during business hours, M-F; Campus Safety 24/7; and for residents at Tamarack, Platt, Copeland, Holmes, and Akin lobbies.

Students, I am here for you and want to get to know you! Please come visit me at my office and campus hours to say hi and let me know how I and members of the Student Life team can support you. Please [click here](#) for those locations, dates, and times throughout the fall. Hours will also be posted on the <lc_vpsl> twitter and instagram accounts.

Warmly,

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