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August & September Events

Mon Aug 30th	First Day of School for Students
Fri Sept 3rd	No School for Students; Teacher Professional Development Day
Mon Sept 7th	No School / Labor Day



The Virtual Backpack



Check here weekly to ensure that you are up to date with flyers and notices that have been sent home with your child!

[Click here to see Flyers & Notices That Have Been Sent Home](#)

Exciting News!!

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We'll be posting regular updates and photos throughout the year that you don't want to miss! We are going to showcase the wonderful learning occurring at our amazing school a few times a week! !

Principal Page

Dear CCS Families,

The CCS staff are so excited to see your children return to school for a new year! Below are important highlights from the Reopening Presentation that was held last week in regards to what we are continuing to do & what changes we have been able to make in order to open the school safely. Please remember that at any time, we may need to make adjustments.

1. Staff & families will still need to screen for health & wellness each day before coming to school with the [Daily Home Screening Check](#) we used last year. Staff or students should stay home when feeling ill & follow protocols for reporting illness.
2. Masks are only needed to be worn inside. Students can take masks off outside as long as they socially distance from peers (6 ft or more).
3. Inside the classroom students can be 3 ft from each other this year instead of 6 ft with masks on. Areas outside of the classroom, they still need to be 6 ft.
4. Vaccinated students & staff no longer need to quarantine (if asymptomatic). Any student seated at least 3 ft. away from a positive student case no longer needs to quarantine if exposure was limited to a classroom setting (assuming contact is asymptomatic & consistent/correct mask use) All other quarantine restrictions remain in place, including those that should be followed after travelling out of the State of CT.
5. There is no distance learning this year per CT DOE. If a student has to quarantine they will be able to access work via Google Classroom/ Seesaw or work provided by teachers. There will be no live streaming into a classroom.
6. All staff need to prove fully vaccinated status or proof that full vaccination will occur per the Governor by Sept 27th. They can prove exemption -medical or religious supported by the submission of required documentation.
7. No visitors during the school day. Only staff, students & outside providers (OT, PT, counseling) will be allowed in. HOWEVER, we can have after school hours events such as Open House. Of course this may change if positive cases arise.
8. Middle School sports will occur for grades 7 & 8.
9. Cohorting is recommended but not mandated. CCS will cohort during the day by grade levels. Students will be able to travel to rooms such as art, music, etc. We will also have K-4 at recess together as well as 5-8.

Below is the link to the presentation. This is going to be another year that we need to be flexible, patient & understand that changes may occur in order to keep students & staff safe. I am confident that we will have a great year of learning by supporting each other & staying strong.

[2021-2022 Region One & CCS Reopening Plan Presentation](#)

Survey for Parents of K-6 Students

Please complete survey if you have not done so yet.

For the 2021-2022 school year, all schools in CT that serve students in grades kindergarten through grade 6 (K-6) are eligible to participate in PCR screening tests to detect the presence of asymptomatic cases of COVID-19 in students under the age of 12 and in unvaccinated staff members. We are sending this survey to all K-6 families to understand whether families will agree to allow their children to participate in this type of regular screening in Region 1 schools. **Children will not be tested unless parents give permission.** Please click on the link below to take the survey and read carefully the information prior to taking the survey. This survey is only for parents of students in grades K-6.

Please respond by August 31.

Survey link: <https://forms.gle/gcXqDEnrG25uaSD37>

CCS Morning Announcement Team

At the end of last year, 7th graders were invited to apply to be on the CCS Morning Announcement Team and ten were chosen to be on the team. Last year, 8th graders began this work for us. This year we will continue to build a "CCS News Studio". We have cameras, green screen, microphones, teleprompter & other equipment that we will learn how to use to do the daily Morning Announcements. It will be a work in progress but what a great experience for our 8th graders to be part of such a monumental task! Ms S has agreed to be the Morning Announcement Team Leader & also has lined up a former CCS student, Jacob Johnson, who will be supporting us. Jacob is currently a student at Springfield College majoring in sports communication & was an integral part of the TV studio there when they were in person. We are so fortunate to have such a role model for our students who is willing to work with us this year. Last Friday, the team met & began to plan for the morning announcements. We'll continue to share their progress as the year progresses. Enjoy the photo below showing some of them at work!



Summer 2021 Reading Challenge



Remember to bring in a list of books read this summer. If you have at least 5 books, you will be invited to an ice cream party in the fall. Prizes will be rewarded to the top three readers!

