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Chatfield School News

First Day of School

The 2021-2022 School Year begins on Monday, August 23. Homeroom teacher assignments are printed on a sheet of paper in this mailing. The first days are a full day of school. Students may order free hot lunch or bring their own lunch, snacks and water. ****Classes begin promptly at 8:20 a.m.!****

School Day Morning Procedures

Children arriving before 7:55 a.m. must check in at the Before School Child Care program in the gym and remain until 8:10 a.m. Classroom spaces will open at 7:55am upon arrival students should complete their temperature scan and proceed to their homeroom. Parents should remain outside during drop off.

School Day

Class instruction begins promptly at 8:20 a.m. Students are dismissed at 3:35 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. **On Friday school ends at 2:35 p.m.** Students are ready in pick-up areas about five minutes after dismissal (3:40 p.m. on Monday thru Thursday; 2:40 p.m. on Friday). The School day office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

School Day Pick Up Procedures

For your child's safety we have procedures and rules in place regarding dismissal. Students are dismissed at or after 3:35 p.m. to their respective pick up locations or to After School Child Care. Students that are not picked up by 3:50 p.m. must check into After School Child Care in the gym. Please be advised that students are not allowed to walk through the parking lot without an adult to be picked up. **Important details and directions about Pick Up Procedures can be found on the map included in this mailing.**

School Phone

The main school phone number is (810) 667-8970. Each teacher has an individual extension that can be reached by calling the school phone and then entering the extension number or using the prompts for the staff directory.

Reporting Absences

Parents are expected to call and leave a message anytime children are absent. The automated attendance line can be reached by calling the school number and listening to the options. Any absence not reported by a parent/guardian will be **unexcused**. Please leave an attendance message by 9:00 a.m. if possible.

Tardiness

If a child arrives after 8:20, the parent/guardian must accompany their child to the school front door near the flagpole, but must not enter the school. The child should sign in upon arrival. Extra School Time (EST) may be assigned should a child acquire more than six tardies.

Water and Snacks

We encourage students to bring a clean, fresh water bottle to school each day. Students will be able to refill their water at sinks in the classroom or the water bottle refilling stations. Students are encouraged to bring

healthy snacks and will be able to eat their snacks in their classroom both in the morning and afternoon. The office will not be providing snacks for those that may not have remembered to bring one.

Website/Skyward Student Data Base and Notification System

The Chatfield School Website is www.chatfieldschool.org. Teachers & school directors use the website to provide important and timely school news. Skyward, our student data system, allows for parents to access information pertaining to their child(ren). If you do not already have access, you may pick-up your family access username and password in the office. You must bring a picture I.D. with you. Skyward has a notification system that the school uses to provide timely information via email, phone or text. Parents may change notification settings in Skyward. You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter. New families will be given Skyward username and passwords at the new family orientation (grades 1-8) or kindergarten open house.

Covid-19 Mitigation Strategies

Chatfield School follows the requirements of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Lapeer County Health Department, in addition to other governing bodies. **When it comes to Covid-19 mitigation strategies everyone must be flexible and responsive to conditions in the school, county, and state.** Our goal is to have as normal of a school experience as possible for our students and offer as much face to face instruction as possible. Here is what is currently recommended that Chatfield will have in place for the start of the school year:

- Parents screen their child(ren) daily for symptoms Covid-19.
- If a child is displaying symptoms of Covid-19 the child should stay home until 24 hours symptom free or significantly improved for 24 hours before coming to school.
- Temperature screen at school entrance
- Social distance or work in cohorts as appropriate
- Wearing of a cloth mask or face covering, etc. is recommended but not required.
 - It is important to note that no student should feel pressured to wear or not wear a mask within the building.
- Regular, frequent hand washing
- Regular cleaning of surfaces
- Guests to the building are limited

Chatfield School will continue to notify parents of positive cases within the school. Should MDHHS or LCHD require changes to the mitigation strategies, Chatfield will make required changes and notify families.

Classroom Supplies

Individual classroom supply lists are available on our website under the “Academics” link.

Lunch at Chatfield

For students who bring their own lunch, milk is available for 50 cents. Hot lunch remains free this year. Free or reduced lunch forms are included in this packet. Please complete one form per family. Milk and hot lunch will be available on the first day of school. Hot lunch menus are posted on our website under the “Student Life” link. Hot Lunch will be served in the classrooms and all students will eat in their classroom space.

Medications

All children who may be taking **any** medication (prescriptions or over-the-counter) **must complete paperwork and follow State regulations regarding medications in school.** Families that had completed the forms for last year **must complete new forms for 2021-22.** Forms are available at our website under the Student Life, Forms tab or in the office.

Before and After School Care

Chatfield offers before and after school care for families who need this service. Please email Ms. Jodi Smith at jsmith@chatfieldschool.org if you are interested in enrolling your child or children. She can send information and enrollment forms. Child care is provided before school beginning at 6:30 a.m. and again after school from 3:35-6:00 p.m. Forms are available on the website. Middle school students arriving before 7:55am or remaining at Chatfield after 3:50pm will attend before and after school care.

Middle School Schedules

Middle school schedules will be provided to students on the first day of school in their homeroom.

Middle School 1 to 1 Computer Initiative

We are very excited about the opportunity to provide each Middle School student with a laptop computer to use at school and to take home. Each student will receive a laptop computer, charger and carrying case. Students and parents must sign the Laptop Agreement and Acceptable Use Policy. A \$30.00 per student/\$50.00 per family usage fee will be waived for this school year. Laptops will be handed out on the first day of school.

K-5 Computer Initiative

Every K-5 student will be assigned a laptop Chromebook to use during the school day. These will remain at school unless at home remote learning is required.

Chatfield Parent and Student Handbook

The handbook is posted on our website under the “Student Life” link.

Chatfield Partners in Education P.I.E.

Chatfield Partners in Education (P.I.E.), Chatfield’s parent/teacher organization serves many functions including helping Chatfield families get to know each other, providing special opportunities for students, funding special projects around the school and serving as an advisory and partnership group to the school staff. The first meeting of the PIE group will be held September 13 at 4:00pm in the Middle School Commons. Please add this date to your calendar and try to attend if you are able!

Birthdays (for this school year)

Teachers will have unique ways to celebrate student birthdays! Please read how your child’s homeroom may celebrate birthdays. We ask that parents refrain from bringing in baked goods.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Notification

The Chatfield School may use names, quotes, school work, photos or videos of students for promotional or marketing purposes using various mediums such as newspaper and internet. If you prefer that your child’s name, quotes, photo or video not be used for such purposes please contact School Co-Directors Bill Kraly or Matt Young.

Equal Opportunity/Notice of Non-Discrimination

In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act and the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act, every child, regardless of race, creed, color, gender, national origin, cultural or economic background, or disability is entitled to equal opportunity for educational development. No student will be excluded from participating in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity conducted by the school.

Extracurricular Activities

Please watch for details about our great enrichment opportunities. If you are interested in sponsoring or running an after-school activity, please contact Mr. Kraly.

Athletics

Please stay tuned for details about athletics opportunities for the fall season!

Many athletic opportunities are available including volleyball, archery, and 7th and 8th grade Lightning football, Cross Country, and Track/Field!

Important Dates for First Card Marking

8/18/2021		New Student/Family Orientation for Grades 1-8
8/18/2021		Teacher Professional Development
8/19/2021	5:00 PM	Kindergarten Open House for Students and Parents by appt.
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8/23/2021		First Day of School
8/27/2021		No School
9/1/2021		Meet the Teacher Open House 5pm to 7pm
9/2/2021		Picture Day
9/3/2021		No School
9/6/2021		No School-Labor Day
9/13/2021	4:00 PM	PIE Meeting
9/24/2021	8:00 AM	Kindergarten Donuts and a Book with the Directors
9/30/2021		Grandparents/Special Guest Evening 6:30-7:30pm
10/1/2021	8:00 AM	First Grade Donuts and a Book with the Directors
10/8/2021	8:00 AM	Second Grade Donuts and a Book with the Directors
10/11/2021	4:00 PM	PIE Meeting
10/15/2021		No School
10/18/2021		Celebrate Hope Premier Parent Seminar: Student and Family Social and Emotional Health Time TBA (evening)
10/23/2021	10:00 AM	BIKE RODEO Fall Fest 10 AM - -2 PM
10/29/2021		End of First Marking Period
10/29/2021		Half Day of School Dismissal 11:30am
11/1/2021		No School

