



# August 2022

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## Chatfield School News

A new and exciting school year is ahead of us! We are all so fortunate to be part of this wonderful and supportive learning community. We, students, parents, and school staff, each play an important role in our combined success. Together we create a special school that is welcoming, nurturing, and a great place to learn. Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year!

### Special Dates

August 11 6:30pm New Student/Family Orientation for new students entering grades 1-8  
August 17 4:30pm-6:00pm Middle School BBQ: Schedule and laptop pick up  
August 17 6pm Sixth Grade parents' laptop meeting  
August 18 5:30pm-7:00pm Kindergarten Open House

### First Day of School

**The 2022-2023 School Year begins on Monday, August 22. Homeroom teacher assignments are listed on page 4.** The first day is a full day of school. Students may order and purchase 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 8:00 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 8:00am. 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 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.

### **Emergency Cards**

Please make sure your child's completed Emergency card for the 22-23 school year is returned to your child's homeroom teacher by Wednesday, August 24. It is important that your child's emergency card be up to date with accurate contacts and emergency contacts.

### **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 office. The parent must sign their child 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](http://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.** 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 is \$3.75 per meal** and includes milk. Free or reduced lunch forms are included in this packet. Please complete one form per family. The reduced price for hot lunch is \$0.40 (forty cents). 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. Free and Reduced Lunch application are included in this mailing.

### **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 2022-23.** 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](mailto:jsmith@chatfieldschool.org) if you are interested in enrolling your child or children. She can send information and enrollment forms. Childcare is provided before school beginning at 6:15 a.m. and again after school from 3:35-6:00 p.m. Forms are available on the website. Students arriving before 8:00 a.m. or remaining at Chatfield after 3:50 p.m. will attend before and after school care.

### **Middle School Schedules**

Middle school schedules will be provided to students at the Middle School barbeque on Wednesday, August 17.

### **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. In order to take the laptop home, students and parents must sign the Laptop Agreement and Acceptable Use Policy and pay the required \$25.00 per student/\$45.00 per family user fee. Laptops will be handed out at the Middle School barbeque. Students that are unable to pick up their laptop prior to the first day of school should bring the user fee and signed Agreement/Acceptable Use Policy forms the first week 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 have unique ways to celebrate student birthdays and each grade level does this differently! Please read how your child’s homeroom may celebrate birthdays.

### **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, basketball, archery, 7<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Grade tackle football, 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Grade Cross Country, and 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Track/Field!

**Important Dates for First Card Marking**

8/11/2022	6:30 PM	<b>New Student/New Family Orientation Grades 1-8</b>
8/16/2022		Teacher Professional Development
8/17/2022	4:30 PM	<b>Middle School BBQ: Schedule, Laptop, locker pick up and dinner 4:30-6:00 PM</b>
8/17/2022	6:00 PM	<b>6th Grade and New Middle School Students Laptop meeting</b>
8/17/2022		Teacher Professional Development
8/18/2022	5:30 PM	<b>Kindergarten Open House 5:30-7:00 PM</b>
8/18/2022		Teacher Professional Development
8/22/2022		<b>First Day of School</b>
8/26/2022		No School
8/31/2022	6:30 PM	Early Elementary Curriculum Evening K-2
9/2/2022		No School
9/5/2022		No School Labor Day
9/6/2022	6:30 PM	Middle School Curriculum Evening 6-8
9/8/2022	6:30 PM	Upper Elementary Curriculum Evening 3-5
9/8/2022		Grades 3-4 Literacy Fair
9/10/2022		Chatfield 25th Anniversary Celebration Lapeer Symphony Orchestra Concert
9/12/2022	4:00 PM	PIE Meeting
9/22/2022		Grandparents' Evening
9/26/2022		Fall Parent Teacher Conferences
10/10/2022	4:00 PM	PIE Meeting
10/10/2022		Chatfield Loves Lapeer Spirit Week
10/21/2022		No School
10/28/2022		End of First Card Marking
10/28/2022		Half Day of School Dismissal 11:30am

