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Chatfield School News

Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year, together let's embark on what will be an incredible year of learning and growth at Chatfield School!

"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it."

-Marian Wright Edelman

Special Dates

August 10 6:30 p.m. New Student/Family Orientation for new students entering grades 1-8

August 16 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Middle School BBQ: Schedule and laptop pick up

August 16 6 p.m. Sixth Grade parents' laptop meeting

August 17 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Kindergarten Open House

First Day of School

The 2023-2024 School Year begins on Monday, August 21. 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. The building opens for all students at 8:00 a.m. Parents are welcome to enter the building if needed, but in general, 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 (3:40p.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 attached with this newsletter.**

Homeroom Assignments

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 23-24 school year is returned to your child's homeroom teacher by Wednesday, August 23. It is important that your child's emergency card be up to date with accurate contact information 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 does **not** provide snacks.

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. New families will be given Skyward username and passwords at the new family orientation (grades 1-8) or kindergarten open house.

Classroom Supplies

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

Breakfast and Lunch at Chatfield

Chatfield School is excited to participate in the Michigan Free School Meals program! **We are pleased to inform you that Chatfield School will be offering a healthy breakfast and lunch for all students at NO CHARGE to students each day for the 2023-2024 school year!** Breakfast will be served as a take and go from 8:00am to 8:20am. Hot lunch will be served in the cafeteria. Each meal includes a milk. Lunch Menus can be found at: <https://www.chatfieldschool.org/StudentLife/Lunch.aspx> Households will be responsible to pay for any purchases over and above ONE breakfast and lunch per child.

As in past years, we ask that you continue to fill out and sign the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application. Paper applications will be sent home during the first week of school, are available in the main office, and will be posted at <https://www.chatfieldschool.org/StudentLife/Lunch.aspx>. Completing the application provides information that is critical in determining the amount of money that our school receives from a variety of State and Federal supplemental programs like Title IA, At-Risk (31s), Title II A, etc. The funding helps support the following programs at Chatfield:

- Staff and Student supplies and materials
- Counseling, Social Work, health services, etc.
- Professional Development to support student learning
- Parent and family engagement events and activities
- Before and after-school academic programs

We are asking that you please complete and submit the application in the first weeks of school to ensure that these funds continue to be available for our school as we strive to meet the needs of all our students and families. All information on the application submitted is confidential. Without your assistance in completing and returning this application, our school cannot maximize the use of available State and Federal funds.

Medications

Parents must follow state regulations regarding medications in school and complete paperwork with the office for any medication (prescriptions or over-the-counter) to be taken at school. Families must complete new forms for 2023-24 prior to the first day they wish medication to be given. Medication (prescriptions or over-the-counter) must be provided to the office. 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. 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 at www.chatfieldschool.org/StudentLife/Child-Care.aspx. 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, Lockers

Middle school schedules and locker combinations will be provided to students at the Middle School barbeque on Wednesday, August 16.

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 \$30.00 per student/\$50.00 per family user fee. Fees are waived for students that qualify based on need. We will have copies of the paperwork at the pick-up. 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. Laptops will be handed out at the Middle School barbeque.

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. Please read it over with your child(ren).

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 in September and the date and time are to be announced. You are invited and we hope you will try to attend!

Birthdays

Teachers have unique ways to celebrate student birthdays and each grade level does this differently! Please read how your child's homeroom newsletter to learn how the grade may celebrate birthdays in the classroom.

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 5th -8th Grade Volleyball, Basketball, and Archery, 7th -8th Grade Tackle Football, 6th -8th Grade Cross Country, Track/Field, and Wrestling

Important Dates for First Card Marking

8/10/2023	6:30 PM	New Family Orientation for Grades 1-8
8/15/2023		Teacher Professional Development
8/16/2023		Teacher Professional Development
8/16/2023	4:30 PM	Middle School BBQ Schedule, Locker, and Chromebook Pick Up
8/16/2023	6:00 PM	Sixth Grade and New Student Chromebook Student/Parent Meeting
8/17/2023		Teacher Professional Development
8/17/2023		Kindergarten Open House
8/21/2023		First Day of School
8/25/2023		No School
8/29/2023	6:30 PM	Grades K-2 Curriculum Night
8/31/2023		Picture Day
9/1-4/2023		No School
9/5/2023	6:30 PM	Grades 6-8 Curriculum Night
9/7/2023	6:30 PM	Grades 3-5 Curriculum Night
9/21/2023	6:30 PM	Grandparent's Evening
10/20/2023		No School
10/25/2023		Picture Retakes AM
10/27/2023		End of 1st Marking Period
10/27/2023		Half Day of School 11:30am Dismissal

