



August 24, 2017

Dear Parents and Students:

I hope you are having an enjoyable summer. On behalf of the faculty and staff, I would like to welcome you to the 2017-18 school year!

Class placements will be available on the Parent Portal FRIDAY, AUGUST 25. In order to retrieve class placement from the portal, **you must first review and confirm your contact information.** You may begin this verification process at any time - you don't have to wait until Friday.

The first day of school for students is Tuesday, September 5th, which is a full day. The following information will help for a smooth return:

- ✓ Children should bring lunch or be prepared to purchase food in our cafeteria. Any student purchasing lunch will need to know his or her ID number. Our system can be accessed through the website: www.myschoolbucks.com. It is a good idea to send your child with a snack as well.
- ✓ Please be sure your child knows his/her bus letter, which are now available on the Parent Portal. If your child will not be taking the bus home, you must send a letter to the teacher indicating the dismissal choice.
- ✓ During our first week of school, we will be recognizing and celebrating our Summer Reading Program with a culminating event on Friday, September 8th. All students should be prepared with their reading selections.
- ✓ During the first week of school, all students will receive their agenda books. Please take time to review the school information in the front of this student planner as a family.

As you know, a great deal of time, care and attention are given to forming classes; and we have the utmost confidence in our process. Therefore, no changes to class placements will be made. We are confident your child will have a wonderful experience.

Students entering the 5th and 6th grade will once again be working with a team of teachers who are listed below. For a full list of this year's faculty and staff, please visit our District's website (www.csh.k12.ny.us), select "West Side" under the "Our Schools" tab and click on "School Staff" on the left hand side.

Ms. Agnello.....5th and 6th Grade Social Studies
Mr. Arloff.....5th Grade Reading and 6th Grade Writing
Ms. Baratta.....5th Grade Writing and 6th Grade Reading
Ms. DeRosa.....5th Grade Math and 6th Grade Science
Ms. Gerver.....5th Grade Science and 6th Grade Math

On **Monday, August 28th from 12:00 – 2:00 PM**, West Side will be open for parents and children who would like to become more familiar with the building. Please enter through the Airplane Wing on Stewart Lane. Also, please understand that the building will still be undergoing final improvements in preparation for the opening day of school, and some rooms may be closed due to this work. As always, all students must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

I look forward to meeting our new students and welcoming back those who are returning!

Warmest Regards,

Kurt Simon

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