



Clinton Township School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians

The district was a very busy place this summer preparing for the return of our students and staff. With the reorganization now complete and the buildings clean and ready for students and staff, there are many new beginnings and opportunities for all. On behalf of the administrative staff and myself, we welcome the Kindergarteners, 1st, 3rd and 6th graders, the staff and principals that moved along with their students, teachers and staff. We welcome new staff to the district and new students who have recently enrolled.

Along with our many building moves in the reorganization project, teachers were involved with curriculum writing over the summer. Planning for professional development also took place to continue to enhance instruction throughout the district. Principals and vice principals continued planning for the upcoming year including scheduling and programming.

With all of the welcomes, there are many thanks to be given. We thank the summer "team" that brings us into the new year each summer. This year, we would like to add a special thank you to all of the staff that made sure the building was clean, organized and ready for staff and students. All of us look forward to welcoming all of the students and staff back for a great school year.

And, personally, I look forward to saying hello to you at one of the upcoming district events.

Thank you,

Michele Cone

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August 2018

Dear Spruce Run School Families,

On behalf of the entire staff at Spruce Run School (SRS), I am happy to welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year! I hope you had an adventurous and enjoyable summer, spending lots of time exploring and playing (and reading wonderful books). We are excited to welcome our youngest students to Spruce Run School for the preschool program where a dynamic year of learning will unfold on our first day - ***Tuesday, September 4, 2018!***

I am thrilled to be leading the preschool team here at Spruce Run School. We are ready to begin the year with an energetic preschool team in our building that has been getting *spruced up* by our dedicated custodial team. Classrooms are being organized and set up with areas of discovery, creativity and movement for the 18-19 school year.

Our **School Visitation Day will be on Thursday, August 30, 2018 from 12:00 - 12:30 PM.**

This will provide students an opportunity to take a self-guided walk through the building, find their classrooms and say a quick hello to their teachers prior to the first day of school. Children should remain under parents' supervision when visiting the building.

The preschool opens with a theme of discovery and exploration where students will try their hands at making instruments and learn how to engage in cooperative games. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me at any time. I look forward to working with you and your child throughout the school year. Enjoy the remaining days of summer! I am looking forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Alexa Ingram

Alexa L. Ingram, Director of Special Services

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SPRUCE RUN SCHOOL

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Upcoming Events

Back to School Night

We look forward to working with you as your child either begins or continues his/her educational journey at SRS! Please mark your calendar for Back to School Night on **September 6th**.

Communication

In the event of an emergency school closing or unexpected situation, parents will be notified via phone and email through the CTSD alert system, SchoolReach. Newsletters will be distributed via email to SRS parents with upcoming events and important school news. Valuable information is shared on the CTSD website at www.ctsdnj.org

Attendance

One of the most important things your child can do to achieve academic success is also one of the most basic: going to school every day. In fact, research has shown that your child's attendance record may be the biggest factor influencing their academic success.

August

- 8/27 BOE Meeting @ CTMS, 7:30 PM
- 8/30 SRS School Visitation Day, 12:00-12:30 PM

September

- 9/3 SCHOOL CLOSED - Labor Day
- 9/4 First Day of School for Students
- 9/6 Back to School Night for Preschool 6:00 – 7:30 pm
- 9/19 SCHOOL CLOSED - Yom Kippur
- 9/24 BOE Meeting @ CTMS, 7:30 PM





Kids Corner

Collage

Recycle your old magazines and exercise the imagination, all in one! Let children choose and cut their favorite pictures out of magazines (or help them). Then they glue them on paper, then draw and decorate all around it.

Scissors and glue are a must; markers, crayons, oil pastels, stickers and glitter are optional. In addition to magazines, recycle wrapping paper, postcards (you know, like the ones for take-out pizza), tissue paper and (clean) cotton balls to make even grander creations.

Parent Portal

Parent Portal: Is part of the district’s PowerSchool student information system. Parent Portal allows parents/guardians to view their students’ grades and attendance, submit updated contact information, and get in touch with teachers via email. To access the portal, use the following link: <https://ctsd.powerschool.com/public>

If you have not previously setup your guardian account, you will need the linking codes (Access ID and Access Password) unique to each student to link pupils to your login. These codes are sent out via email. If you have not received your access code/information or are having difficulty accessing the site, please email: parenthelp@ctsdnj.org. More detailed instructions for using the Parent Portal may be found on our Parent Portal webpage using the following link:

http://ctsdnj.org/resources/parent_resources/parent_portal



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Dear Spruce Run School Families,

Each year we welcome students to our classrooms with food allergies. We request your cooperation to help them stay safe.

We have students who are allergic to peanuts, tree nuts and other foods or food groups. Reactions range from mild to life threatening. There are several practices in place to help prevent allergic reactions:

1. All classrooms are designated as peanut/tree nut free spaces and any products containing peanut or tree nuts are not permitted in classrooms. There will be no classroom projects with peanut butter or peanut shells. Please do not send any items containing peanuts/tree nuts into the classroom with your child.
2. Students are encouraged to wash their hands upon arrival to the classroom and again before or after eating.
3. There are special days and occasions during PTA Celebration Days when parents bring in snacks to share. Please contact Mrs. Fuhrman for additional information regarding "allergy safe" foods.

We look forward to working together to have a wonderful year at Spruce Run School. If you have any questions regarding our "Allergy Aware" classrooms, please contact your teacher or our school nurse, Mrs. Faith Fuhrman, at 908-735-7916: press prompt 2, or via email at ffuhrman@ctsdnj.org. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Faith Fuhrman, RN, MSN

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Spruce Run School

Traffic Pattern Information

2018-2019

Please review this information regarding traffic patterns, drop-off and pick-up procedures, details for late arrival and early pick-up of students at Spruce Run School (SRS).

Visitors:

All visitors must use Belvidere Avenue, park in the parking lot and enter the front of the building. ALL VISITORS MUST SIGN-IN AT THE MAIN OFFICE AND OBTAIN A 'VISITOR' BADGE.

Please be extremely vigilant and use extreme caution when driving through our school parking lots and access roads. Please adhere to posted speed limits and traffic patterns. When entering the school lot from Belvidere Avenue, cars should turn left into the lot; the circle in front of the school is reserved for buses only. Thank you for your support and assistance in ensuring the safety of our school community!

Bus Arrival & Departure:

All buses arrive at SRS using Belvidere Avenue. Buses drop-off and pick-up students along the circle at the front of the school building. SRS staff is assigned to assist in this process. Cars may not drive in the circle when buses are present.

Tardy Student Drop-Off:

Parents transporting tardy students should use Belvidere Avenue. Turn left into the parking lot at top of the road. Parents park in the lot and walk their child to the building using the designated crosswalk/sidewalk. Tardy students must be escorted into the building and signed in at the main office.

Early Pick-up from school:

If you need to pick-up your child prior to dismissal at 3:15 pm, early pick-ups must be made **no later than 2:50 pm** in the main office as to not interfere with regular dismissal. The child must be signed out in the main office and escorted out of the building.

Arriving & Dismissing by Car:

The Grayrock Road/access road runs from the entrance of the Clinton Twp. Middle School straight up to the back of SRS. The road is open in the AM until 8:45 and reopened at 2:45 PM for dismissal. The access road is gated off for safety and security reasons during school hours.

Preschool: Morning and Afternoon

AM Session: 8:55am – 11:25am

PM Session: 12:45pm – 3:15pm

- **AM drop-off at 8:55, Mid-day pick-up at 11:25 and PM drop-off at 12:45, PM pick-up at 3:15:** via Belvidere Avenue, turn left into the parking lot at top of the road. Parents park in the lot and walk their child to the building using the designated crosswalk/sidewalk. **Students enter through the RED preschool double doors located directly across the parking lot.**
- Staff will be at this location to assist students into the building. We ask that parents say good-byes to children outside and remain outside the building, to ensure a smooth transition for our students.