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Our mission is to nurture the creativity, empathy, and critical thinking skills essential to thriving in a changing global environment.

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Dear Parents and Caregivers of Greenberg School Students:

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year!

The new school year is a few weeks away. I hope students enjoyed their time off this summer and took advantage of a variety of learning opportunities offered at local museums and libraries, the Philadelphia Zoo, and historical sites around the Philadelphia area. Many students attended the School District's Summer Learning programs in preparation for learning in their new grade. Whatever their summer learning experiences, students can use their newly acquired knowledge and experiences to succeed in their new grade. Teachers are planning robust and rigorous learning experiences that will grow students intellectually and academically in 2022-2023.

In June, parents were notified that the school hours would be changing this year. The arrival time for students is now **7:30 A.M. and dismissal is at 2:09 P.M.** This change will be uncomfortable initially, however, it is anticipated that with adult support students will adapt to the change. We also anticipate improvement in transportation services for students who ride buses. We will be sharing multiple reminders with families to give them time to make family and childcare arrangements so that children can attend school on time. Doors will open for breakfast at 7:00 A.M. Students will enter through the center doors in the school yard. Additionally, please refrain from bringing large boxes or bags of supplies to school on the first day. Grades will receive a day and time to drop off large amounts of supplies. Only bring what can fit into backpacks.

Covid Safety Protocols Reminders

We look forward to when Covid 19 is a thing of the past, but unfortunately we must continue to manage it to prevent its spread among staff and students. Therefore parents and guardians should conduct daily screenings at home before reporting to school. If a student feels sick, they should not enter a school district building. The parent should then contact the school nurse to report the symptoms. Complete the form linked [HERE](#) to give the school permission to test your child for Covid if they present with Covid symptoms at school. If a student is a Close Contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid, they may report to school, but must wear a mask for ten days.

The entire Greenberg family is optimistic about the new school year, and we plan to extend ourselves to ensure all students have the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed. These past few years, though challenging, have strengthened our resiliency. School teams will support students socially and emotionally and of course, academically. Mindfulness activities will continue to be embedded into the school day to reduce worry, fear, and anxiety while bolstering students' coping skills and resiliency.

Like every year, our teachers and staff are eager to welcome students back to school. We are dedicated to our mission of ensuring that each child's creativity, empathy, and critical thinking skills are developed through a rigorous program of instruction in the Common Core's College and Career Standards.

Engaged, Inspired, and Empowered to Make A Difference!

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Finally, please review the list of **“Important Reminders”** below:

Important reminders for all parents and students:

- The first day of school is **August 29, 2022 for all students.**
- **Tentative Date for Back to School Night: 9/22/2022 @ 5:30 P.M. in person**
- Classes begin promptly at **7:30 A.M.** each morning; the school day concludes at **2:09**
- **School opens for breakfast at 7:00 A.M.**
- **Attendance Matters:** Parents **must** schedule doctor’s appointments for their children on holidays or early dismissal days
- Parents **must** sign and return book receipts to teachers
- Parents please ensure **children are wearing the Greenberg uniform**
- **All visitors to the building must adhere to security protocols: Picture identification is required to enter the building**
- Check the school and district calendar for important dates: District Calendar [HERE](#)
- Review Parent and Student Handbook when it is sent home

Our school team welcomes our new parents and anticipates continuing our partnership with those who have been with us for years.

Sincerely,

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