

WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Principal

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Dear Claremont Avenue Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. I hope that our students and families had an enjoyable and healthy summer and are ready to return to school. The first day of school is Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

Claremont Avenue School community is committed to providing every child with a safe, nurturing, and academically enriching school experience. Our teachers are dedicated to providing students with a strong academic foundation and skills to foster respect for themselves and for each other. We will continue departmentalization in grades 4&5 for language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science, as well as continue our Cougar Compliment and Character Education programs throughout the school year.

To ensure the safest environment for all students and staff at Claremont Avenue School, please review the following procedures and guidelines:

Opening Procedures – Beginning the first day of school

Bus Students - Students who are taking the bus will walk directly into the school building to their classrooms.

Morning Drop off Procedures – Students not transported by bus (Walkers)

- Doors will open at 8:45am each day. All exterior doors will close promptly at 9:00am. Any student who arrives after 9:00am must come to the front door and be signed in by a parent/guardian.
- Students in Grades K-1 will meet teachers at the classroom exterior door listed below between 8:45am – 9:00am:
 - Ms. Quaglia – - Door 9 (left side)
 - Ms. Figliolino – Door 9 (right side)
 - Ms. Bova – Door 10
 - Ms. Smythe – Door 11
 - Ms. Suto-Ogden – Door 12
- Students in Grades 2-5 will meet a staff member at the door listed below between 8:45-9:00am and walk directly to their classrooms:
 - Grades 2 and 3 – Door 4
 - Grades 4 and 5 – Door 2
- Siblings may enter together through the door of the younger sibling.
- Please walk your child to the door designated above.

Dismissal Procedures – Pick up (Walkers)

- Dismissal is at 3:30pm. Pick up will be at the same location as drop off.
- Your child will be released only to those listed in Genesis Parent Portal. Bring valid photo identification.
- If parents request that siblings be dismissed together, please submit a note and the children will be dismissed out the door of the younger sibling.
- In the event you need to change your child's daily dismissal procedure, you must contact the main office.

Parking

- If you are driving your child to school or picking up at dismissal, park your vehicle on the street and walk with your child to the designated door/area.
- No one is permitted to park or stop any motor vehicle in the circle in front of the main entrance, in the faculty parking lot, or in the rear of the building. The parking lot in front of the school is for staff only. The circle is for busses only.
- Double parking is not permitted.
- Parents/guardians dropping off students are not permitted to drive into the parking lot.
- Please adhere to these guidelines at all times regardless of the weather conditions.

Absences

- To ensure the safety and accountability of all students, it is important that absences or late arrivals be reported to the school attendance line. Please call (732)568-5639 if your child will not be at school by 9:00am.
- Students who arrive after 9:00am must be signed in by a parent/guardian.
- Do not notify the main office or your child's absence via email

Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast and lunch are available for purchase. Please open this link for information:

<https://www.woodbridge.k12.nj.us/page/cafeteria-food-services>

Dropping off Forgotten Items

If you need to drop off a forgotten lunch or other necessary school item, please place the item (labeled with your child's name and teacher's name) in the drop box outside of the school and ring the bell to notify the main office.

Visitors

All visitors must show photo identification and have an appointment.

Important Date:

Open House – Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 6pm.

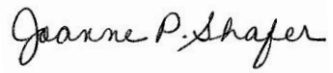
Lifetouch School Picture Day – Thursday, September 15, 2022

Please update your contact information on Genesis Parent Portal. During the school year, you are encouraged to visit the Claremont Avenue School #20 webpage at

www.woodbridge.k12.nj.us where you will find information relating to our school.

Thank you for your continued support of Claremont Avenue School. We are so excited to welcome our students back to school and look forward to a successful school year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joanne P. Shafer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear, legible font.

Joanne P. Shafer
Principal