



Chatham

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Chatham Middle School

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I am writing to let you know about an assembly that we had today with students at the middle school. In the last few weeks, with the lifting of COVID restrictions, we have seen a need to reset school expectations with students. Our students have been through a lot in the last few years. We are in the process of increasing the amount of activities and events that provide students with more social interactions. Because of this, we thought it was a good time to reset for a great spring!

Today, we discussed a variety issues:

- Upcoming events
- Grades
- Phone privileges
- Referrals
- Respect
- Bullying
- Chromebooks
- Hallway behavior
- Lunch protocols and more

One of the things we got a lot of questions about was tardiness. We noticed a lot of student questions about this topic. We wanted parents to be aware that we are trying to be proactive in helping students get ready for deadlines and the rigors of the high school by enacting a policy that four tardy arrivals will result in a detention.

We wanted to let you know that we are hoping this policy will open the lines of communication between parents, students and school about ways we can help students manage deadlines and expectations.

We understand that life happens. In our assembly, we stressed that we are a team and that if you are having trouble getting to school on time to reach out and we would do our best to support you.

Many students asked for the specific time that they are required to be here. Here is the official line from our Code of Conduct:

Students are expected to report to school on time. If a student arrives after 7:47 am, they are late and must report to the front desk to have their name removed from the list of absentees and receive a pass to class. A written excuse from the parent/guardian is required.

Keep in mind that we are here to help if you are having any issues as a parent/guardian. Feel free to contact us at any time if you are having an issue that needs to be brought to our attention. We look forward to finding ways we can support your child.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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