



COLLINGSWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Collingswood and Oaklyn School Families,

The start of the 2020-2021 school year is just around the corner. School starts on Tuesday, September 8 for all Collingswood and Oaklyn students. As was shared previously, we will begin this school year remotely before slowly transitioning our students back to school. Information on the start of the new school year and any updates can be found on the Collingswood and Oaklyn web pages at www.collsk12.org and www.oaklynschool.org.

What's Next?

At the elementary level, you should be hearing from your child's teacher with information on *Google Classroom* codes and "Meet 'n Greet" times. At the MS/HS level, your children will receive information from their teachers and principals to their emails. It is important that you encourage your children to check their emails early and often. Note: Due to construction, Oaklyn and Preschool "Meet 'n Greets" will be scheduled for the week of September 14. This information will also be shared by the classroom teachers.

If you do not hear from your classroom teacher(s) by Tuesday, please reach out to the teacher (P/S, Elementary) or the main office of your school (MS/HS) for assistance.

Devices

Students in grades 2-12 should have a Chromebook. If your child does not, you should receive a call from your school tomorrow. For students in grades preschool, K and 1 who indicated they did not have an available device at home, you will be contacted for device pickup next week. As we wait for our shipment of new, touchscreen Chromebooks to arrive, we are leaving no stone unturned to get Chromebooks into the hands of every child who needs one. When the new devices arrive, we will provide them to every preschool, kindergarten, and grade 1 student in Collingswood and Oaklyn.

Other School-Related Services

We have created a one-stop shop to explain school-based SEL, counseling, meal, and technology services, as well as to provide information on special services, services for English-language learners, and student attendance. That information can be found on both the Collingswood and Oaklyn web sites, as well as by [clicking here](#).

Other News to Share

On Tuesday, I submitted to both the Collingswood and Oaklyn Boards of Education a letter announcing my intent to retire as Superintendent of the Collingswood and Oaklyn Public Schools. July 1 marked the start of my fourteenth year in Collingswood and on September 1, I celebrated my fourteenth "welcome back" presentation for our staff (albeit virtually). When I started in Collingswood, I promised the Board and the community that I would leave the district in better shape than I found it. When I added Oaklyn, I did the same. While it is impossible to make decisions that please everyone at all times, I hope you will agree that we routinely made decisions with a sharp eye on student achievement and student success. And, while I am not leaving just yet, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for both your support and your willingness to challenge me to be better every single day. It has been an honor and privilege to work with best staff I have ever seen assembled and some of the finest young people in South Jersey. I could never have asked for anything more.

Reminding all of us to #BeKind,

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