



# Clark Public Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is difficult to believe that the month of July has already passed and that we are now at the start of August. I hope that you and your families are using this summer to find some time to relax and recharge. As I say each year, the most remarkable aspect of being an educator is that each September we get to start anew, building on the strengths of the past but making the necessary adjustments to become even stronger as we move ahead. I am beyond excited by the thought of a new school year beginning.

I would be remiss if I did not thank our twelve-month and ten-month/two-week administrators and support staff for all of their diligent work this summer. Their efforts are a central reason why we will be ready for a successful opening. Our maintenance team led by Mr. John Pingor is deserving of a special acknowledgement for their preparation of our buildings and grounds. They engage in projects throughout the year so that our students and staff are provided with enhanced facilities. The importance of this physical upkeep of our schools should never be devalued.

Schools will reopen for students on Thursday, September 9 with a regular schedule. This first day of school is always a most special one and one that we, as a school district, are excited for. This year's excitement is only intensified by us having plans to return to our regular schedule. Please visit our district website on a regular basis for possible updates regarding this reopening. The various arrival and dismissal times for our schools can also be found on our district website at the following link: [Clark Schools Arrival and Dismissal Times](#). We are looking forward to our Back-to-School Nights. VRS's is scheduled for Monday, September 13; ALJ's for Tuesday, September 14; CHK's for Monday, September 20; CPA's for Tuesday, September 21; and FKH's for Wednesday, September 22 (**rescheduled date for FKH**). A survey will be forthcoming as to whether these Back-to-School Nights should remain in a virtual format or return to an in-person one.

Kindly be aware that, through a federal program, all students will be able to receive a school lunch at no cost this school year. Any questions regarding this service can be directed to Ms. Nelly Diaz from Maschio's Food Services, Inc. Her email address is [ndiaz@maschiofood.com](mailto:ndiaz@maschiofood.com). Please also know that the Honeywell Instant Alert System is no longer being offered for school use. As a result, our district will be moving to the SchoolMessenger system. Additional details regarding this new system will also be forthcoming.

Trust that we, as an administrative team, have an open-door policy and are here to address any concerns that you may have throughout the course of the school year. In closing, it is my hope that you enjoy what is left of the summer season.

Respectfully yours,

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