



October 2, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Autumn has arrived! This is a wonderful time of the year as seasons change and we are able to enjoy this beautiful weather. As the weather becomes cooler, children are encouraged to wear a sweater or jacket. Recess will be held outdoors when the temperature is above 32 degrees with or without wind chill. When the temperature is between 15 to 32 degrees, recess can be held outdoors at the discretion of the Principal. Outdoor recess is an important part of a child's school day. Outdoor recess allows children to get fresh air, provides an opportunity for children to engage in moderate to vigorous physical activity, and give students more activity options.

We are now in the seventh week of the 2023-2024 school year. First Quarter progress reports were sent home with your child on Thursday, September 21st. The First Quarter will end on Friday, October 20th. Therefore, it is imperative that students attend school daily and on time. There is a direct correlation between student attendance and student academic achievement. Students must maintain an attendance rate of 95% or higher. Our August Attendance Rate was 96.6% and the September Attendance Rate was 95.2% that's a 1.4% decrease from the previous month. Help your child reach their 95% Attendance rate goal. Your child cannot reach their goal without your help!

Kudos parents for returning your child (ren) lunch form! The school received 400 out of 402 or 99.5% of the Family Income Information Form (lunch form) for this school year. *Lunch forms equal school funding!* Thank you parents/guardians!

Student Arrival and Early Dismissal



It is imperative that students arrive to school on time at 8:45 a.m. When students arrive late to school, they miss valuable instructional minutes. If it is necessary for your child to leave school prior to the dismissal time of 3:45 p.m., do know that: **Early Dismissals will not be granted after 3:15 p.m.**

No School Days



There will be **NO SCHOOL** on

- ✓ **Monday, October 9th** in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day
- ✓ **Thursday, October 26th**, it is Parent/Teacher Conference Day from 11:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- ✓ **Friday, October 27th**, it is a School Improvement Day

Fall/Winter After School Programs



Carnegie's OST After-School Programs begin on **Monday, October 2, 2023** through **Thursday, December 14, 2023**. We will focus on providing our Tier 2 and Tier 3 students with intentional, targeted instruction. You should have been notified of enrollment by the teacher or staff member via permission slip. If you have any questions, you may contact Mrs. Boateng, fnimpson@cps.edu or at (773) 535-0661.

Annual Title 1 Principal's & PAC Organizational Meetings

It's the start of a new school year and the means it time to get involved! It's the Annual Title 1 Principal's Informational and PAC Organizational meetings on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. We will discuss Title 1 and vote for PAC officers.

October Attendance Incentive

All Kindergarten-8th grade students who are present at school for the entire day on **October 2nd, October 6th, October 13th, October 16th, October 20th, October 23rd, and October 30th** will receive an Out-Of-Uniform Day and a school incentive on Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

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Academic Check-In (5th-8th Grades)

Academic Check-Ins will be held on **Wednesday, October 12, 2023** for all 5th-8th grade students. The Academic Check-Ins allow students the time to check their grades, speak with their teachers about their grades, missing assignments, make-up work, and set-goals prior to the distribution of progress reports and report cards. Students are provided with pertinent academic information from the school counselor and administrators.

IB-MYP Class Trip to Puerto Rico

It is with great pleasure that we extend the Puerto Rico Field Trip to all 6th-8th grade IB-MYP students. Any IB-MYP 6th-8th grade student interested in attending will need to reserve your seat and register for the field trip by clicking the link <https://www.explorica.com/My-Account/My-Tours/TourCenter/Signup.aspx?tourCenterCode=Ramirez-6254>. You must reserve and pay \$50.00 by **Friday, September 29, 2023**.

We will host a Virtual Parent Meeting on **Monday, October 2, 2023** at 6:00 p.m. To discuss the trip details and fundraisers.

Parent Meeting - Puerto Rico

Monday, October 2, 2023 · 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Time zone: America/Chicago

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/pae-twuv-uzi>

Or dial: (US) +1 814-876-5982 PIN: 674 105 102#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/pae-twuv-uzi?pin=8171787169426>

If you have questions about anything, please reach out to Mr. Ramirez at eramirez262@cps.edu. Please Note: All information is posted on our school's website <https://carnegie.cps.edu/> under the "IB-MYP 6th-8th" tab.



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Puerto Rico
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Reserve Your Spot!

Round-trip
\$50

Tour Center ID: Ramirez-6254
Registration deadline: September 28, 2023

What's included

We provide everything you need for a remarkable trip:

- Round-trip transportation
- 4 overnight stays in hotels (5 with waterfalls)
- Breakfast daily (except arrival day)
- Dinner daily (except departure day)
- Full-time services of a professional Tour Director
- Guided sightseeing tours and city walks as per itinerary
- Visit to select attractions as per itinerary
- Tour Diary™
- Overnight security of baggage
- Note: Tour cost does not include airline-imposed baggage fees, or fees for any required passport or visa. Optional excursions, optional pre-paid Tour Director and multi-day bus driver tipping, among other individual and group customizations will be listed as separate line items in the total trip cost, if included.

Tour investment

Students (travelers under the age of 23): \$2,398
Adults (age 23 and over): \$2,474

Automatic monthly payment plan

Pay just \$50 upon enrollment and the balance will be divided into equal monthly payments, charged automatically to your credit card or checking account. As of September 06, 2023, your monthly payment would be just \$439.00. (Manual plan also available; learn more on explorica.com/paymentplans.)

Travel protection

Most Explorica travelers protect their investment with one of our trusted plans, starting from just \$18 per day. To learn more, visit explorica.com/cta.



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CPS High School Admissions Testing & High School Fairs

Carnegie School High School Fair will be held on **Wednesday, October 4, 2023** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the gym. All 6th through 8th grade students are invited to attend.

For families applying to the 9th grade this fall, the CPS High School Admissions Test (HSAT) will take place on **Wednesday, October 11, 2023**. This exam will take place during the school day at 9:30 a.m. All 8th grade students must be present.

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Network 9 High School Fair will be held on **Friday, October 13, 2023** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Dyett High School. Mrs. Avery-Jones will facilitate this trip and take all 8th graders. Please contact Mrs. Avery-Jones, School Counselor, if you have any questions at beavery@cps.edu.

The GoCPS High School Application Window for high school applications is now open and closes on **November 9, 2023** at 5:00 p.m.



SAVE THE DATE

High School Fair

This is a wonderful opportunity for 6th – 8th grade student to meet representatives from their top high school choices.

 Carnegie Elementary School
1414 E 61st Pl, Chicago, IL 60637

 Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 10:00am

Come and join us!



Network 9 School Counselor's PLC High School Fair

WHEN: Friday, October 13, 2023 @9:00-12:00 AM
via email: clibrary@cps.edu

Where: Dyett High School
555 East 51st Street
(Enter Door #1, on 51st Street)

Who should PARTICIPATE:
8th grade Students and Parents/Guardians

WHAT IS IT?
The High School Fair is an opportunity for 8th grade students and parents of Network 9 elementary schools to learn about the different types of high schools in Chicago and what programs are offered at each school.

Why attend?

- Learn about best match options
- Talk to school counselors and staff
- Get admission information
- Explore School
- Activities
- Sports
- Programs
- Demographics

Who will be there?
The types of high schools that will be represented at the fair include Charter, CTE, College & Career Academies, International Baccalaureate (IB), Magnet, Military Academies, Neighborhood, Private, Selective Enrollment, and STEM.

Types of CPS program

- College & Career Academies (CTE) - College preparatory curriculum and career-focused education in different fields
- International Baccalaureate (IB) - International perspectives of learning and teaching; explores home culture/language
- Magnet - Focus of one or more specialty programs
- Military - Academically rigorous curriculum with a focus on leadership and citizenship
- Selective Enrollment - Challenging and enriched college preparatory experience

Picture Day



Picture Day for all students is scheduled for **Monday, October 16, 2023**. Lifetouch ordering information will be sent home with your child this week. **Do not place money inside of the Lifetouch envelope.** Picture proofs will be sent home with your child in the coming months. All pictures must be purchased online at Life Touch website. **There will be NO RETAKES!**

Halloween Parade & Silent Dance Party



There will be a Halloween Parade **on Tuesday, October 31st** for Kindergarten – 4th grades. Students may wear a costume or dress as their favorite storybook character (no toy weapons) from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Students are allowed to trick or treat throughout the school. **CPS Approved Parent Volunteers are welcome to participate.**

There will be a “Silent” Halloween Dance Party on **Tuesday, October 31st** for the 5th-8th grade students in the gym from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Students may be Out-of-Uniform and wear orange and/or black. **NO COSTUMES.** The cost: \$5.00 (pay on ePay via the school’s website carnegie.cps.edu).

Parent Volunteers



As we return to a more traditional school year, we are welcoming the return of parent volunteers to assist in the classroom, coach a sports team or club, chaperone field trips, and help in the cafeteria and during recess. The district has revised its vaccination requirement. If you would like to volunteer, you must complete the volunteer application for **Level 1** via www.cps.volunteers.org. Once completed, the volunteer must provide the main office with a photo ID for school level approval. **Please Note: If you were an approved parent volunteer last year, you will need to reapply. All parent volunteers must complete this process each year! The application process can take up to 2 to 5 weeks.**

Physical Examination and Immunization Requirements



Currently, there are 97 students who are out of medical compliance. Parents are reminded that physical examination and immunization requirements for Chicago Public School students are as follows: Students entering kindergarten, sixth, and ninth grade are required to submit proof of physical examination and current immunizations to their local school **by October 15th of each year**. Out-of-medical compliance parent letters were given out during Parent Open House and emailed to parents. If you have already submitted a completed Certificate of Child Health Examination Form, please accept our appreciation. If you have not met this requirement, please submit a completed Certificate of Child Health Examination Form. Students entering kindergarten, second, and sixth grade must have their dental examination completed by May 15th of each school year. If your child has not received the required examination and your family does not have healthcare insurance, please contact the Chicago Public School Children and Family Benefit Unit (CFBU). You may be eligible for Allkids or Family Care. Contact CFBU at 773-553-1809.

GOCPS Application for Early Entrance to Kindergarten and First Grade

The applications for 2024-2025 Early Entrance to Kindergarten and Early Entrance to First Grade opened on [September 13, 2023 and will close on November 9, 2023](#). As a reminder, this is the only way for students to bypass the age requirements in Board Rule 6-2; principals do not have discretion to allow students who are not yet five or six by September 1st to enter kindergarten or first grade, respectively. For more information or questions about the application or testing processes, please reach out to <mailto:gocps@cps.edu>.

GOCPS Application for Whole-Grade & Single-Subject Acceleration

The applications for whole-grade and single-subject acceleration will open on [September 13, 2023 and will close on November 9, 2023](#). More information and the application for both processes will be found at <https://www.cps.edu/gocps/about-gocps/accelerated-placement/>. As a reminder, as of 2019 when the Accelerated Placement policy was passed, **principals do not have any discretion to move a student forward a grade level in a single subject or a whole grade if they do not go through the state-mandated process.** For more information or questions about the application or testing processes, please reach out to gocps@cps.edu.

Parent Portal

Please sign up, if you have not done so already, for the CPS Parent Portal (Aspen) to check/track your child's grades and assignments 24/7. This is an important way for you to get involved with your child's education. The information on how to sign up and log in to Aspen is here: (<https://www.cps.edu/services-and-supports/parent-and-student-portal/parent-portal/>). For assistance, please email Mrs. Roberson, at <mailto:segriffin@cps.edu>. For additional information and videos on how to access ASPEN Parent Portal, please click <https://cps.edu/Pages/parentresources.aspx>.

ACS Parent Mentoring Program

I want to invite ACS Kindergarten through 4th-grade parents to enroll in the Parent Mentoring Program, which will begin in October. The school is in need of six (6) parents/guardians to participate in the program. All participants must complete the CPS Volunteer application for **Level 1 clearance**, provide the school with a copy of your driver's license or State ID, complete a background check, fingerprinting, and TB test. Click the following link for the volunteer application: <https://chicagopublicschools.civcore.com/index.php?action=english>.

Parent Mentor responsibilities include the following:

- Parent do not need to be vaccinated.
- Parent mentors are assigned to a classroom for two hours per day, four days a week. Parents may choose the two hours s/he would like to volunteer.
- Parent mentors receive a \$1,000.00 stipend after successfully completing 100 volunteer hours.

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- Parent mentors may volunteer in classrooms for more than 2 hours per day, but only 2 hours per day “count” towards their total hours.
- The primary role of the parent mentor is direct student support in the classroom.
- Parent mentors can assist with grading, errands, and classroom organization only on an occasional basis.
- Parent mentors may not supervise children alone.
- Parent mentors sign in and out daily on timesheets. Both teachers and parent mentor coordinators approve timesheets on a biweekly basis.
- Turn in required paperwork on a timely basis.

For additional information, please contact Darlette Willis at dmwillis2@cps.edu.

School Communication: REMIND APP

Parents may receive important school-wide communications and updates from the school via REMIND (i.e. monthly parent newsletter, district-wide information, etc...) Parents are highly encouraged to sign-up for REMIND. Go to the school’s website www.carnegie.cps.edu, go to the top of the page, click “Parents”, click “REMIND” and then click the REMIND icon for instructions.



Principal Pollard