



September 3, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to the 2019-20 school year! I know our students are well rested and ready for another year of exciting and engaging educational experiences rooted in rigorous academic preparation and instructional practices. The administration and teachers remain focused on the social and emotional growth of our students, and will continue to embed activities that foster a positive school culture.

We achieved 95% attendance on the first day of school. Our attendance goal for this year is 97%, we cannot reach this goal without your help. It is critical that students attend school on a daily basis. Attendance has a direct correlation with student achievement.

Each year brings positive change. This includes a few additions to our staff. I am delighted to welcome Ms. Buhl, Kindergarten, Mr. Grauer, 1st Grade, Ms. Hopkins, 2nd Grade, Ms. Aubrey, 5th Grade Gifted & 6th-8th Math and Ms. Pleas, Dance. Each professional bring a solid skill set and a gentle, sensitive approach to meeting children's academic and social and emotional needs.

As part of our collaborative leadership efforts among the administration, we are working very hard to maintain transparent communication and build public relations with all stakeholders. Please subscribe to our REMIND to receive the monthly parent newsletter (see below) and to our Twitter feeds @ACSCOUGARS for information related to our school community.

In partnership with the Chicago Police Department, Alderman Taylor's Office, and in an effort to help ensure the safety and well-being of all. The administration ask that all parents consistently observe the expected routines for pick-up and drop-off of students.

- During dismissal, 60th-61st & Dorchester will be closed to southbound traffic. Do not drive around the blue horses. Once the school buses leave, southbound traffic will reopen.
- Do not park in the school bus lane or move the orange cones.
- Do not block 61st Place. This will allow ACS staff and CPS visitors to enter/exit the Staff Parking Lot.
- Do not block the crosswalk or corners of intersections as it inhibits the crossing guard's view of the children walking/crossing.
- Pull up your vehicles as far as you possibly can to drop off your students, allowing the cars behind you room to drop off their child/children.
- Don't double-park when dropping off or picking up your child and make sure your child get out of the car on the curbside.
- If you're getting out of your car and walk to the building to retrieve your child, please **don't double park and leave your car**, this will allow other cars to leave.
- Students who walk to school, should be crossing the street in the crosswalk.
- **Please refrain from using verbal and physical threats towards school personnel.**

During the 2019-20 school year, it is our priority to ensure students have a safe, positive environment and to make sure the quality of instruction is second to none. The ACS staff will continue to participate in ongoing professional development and deliver the most current and relevant curriculum and instruction to students. We will work diligently to meet the individual needs of all students' academic learning styles and achievement levels. I am confident that as we continue to work together in our educational community, we will make wonderful things happen for the students.

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Below are a few reminders and Important Dates:

- Please be advised that our school hours are from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. There is no supervision prior to 8:30 a.m. and students will not be permitted in the building. Please, consider the safety and well-being of your child and DO NOT drop-off your child prior to 8:30 a.m. These are very busy times and safety is our utmost priority. During inclement weather students may be dropped off at 8:30 a.m. All students must enter through the main entry and directed to the cafeteria and/or gym.
- The A.S.B. tuition-based Before & After School Program provides Before & After School care for PreK-8th grade students. Before school care begins at 7:30 a.m. and the After School begins at 3:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (snacks provided). The program is not offered on CPS nonattendance and vacation days. The program offers a snack and meal, homework assistance, technology and physical activities. You may contact Mario Parham at (773) 678-8217 or via email mario.inspireme@gmail.com for registration information.
- It is our priority to ensure students are safe. Each year, individuals wishing to volunteer for overnight-field trip chaperones, mentors, tutors, coaches, non-supervised classroom assistants, day-field trip chaperones, assistants in schools with administrative duties or other volunteer activities in contact with students while supervised are required to complete a volunteer application via www.cpsvolunteers.org. You will also need to submit your driver's license (main office), where a copy will be made. Please contact Mrs. D. Brown, main office for additional information.
- PreK-3rd grade students not picked-up by 3:55 p.m. will be taken to Room 118. The school will implement the CPS Stranded Child Policy for parents who consistently arrive late to the school.
- An early dismissal will not be granted after 3:30 p.m. Parents are asked to comply with the early dismissal policy.
- All student immunizations and physical examinations must be up to date. A copy of your child's immunization must be submitted to the school nurse. All new students entering CPS will need physical, vision and dental exams. The Chicago Board of Education recognizes the relationship between academic achievement and healthy students. Children must provide proof of required immunizations and health exams before **October 15, 2019**. Students NOT in medical compliance will be **excluded** from school on **Wednesday, October 16, 2019**.

Important Dates:

- **September 10th** -LSC Meeting 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. We have a parent vacancy. If interested, please contact Mrs. Burrage-Brown, main office for application.
- **September 18th** -Parent Open House at 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- **September 18th** -8th Grade Parent Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.
- **September 20th** -Academic Check-In Assembly for Grades 6th-8th.
- **September 24th**- Title 1 Parent Meeting 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.
- **September 26th** - Back to School Dance & Out-of-Uniform Day for Kindergarten-3rd grades. Admission FREE with the return of the Media Release, Immunization Records, SBOR, Emergency and Lunch Forms.
- **September 27th** - Back to School Dance & Out-of-Uniform Day for 4th-8th grades. Admission FREE with the return of the Media Release, Immunization Records, SBOR, Emergency and Lunch Forms.



I am looking forward to another incredible year and am confident that by working together we can help your child have a happy and productive year!

Principal Pollard

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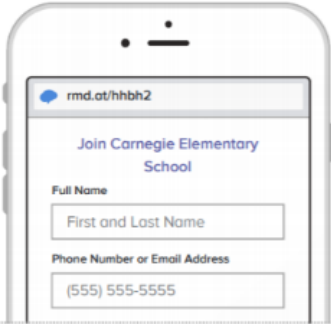
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