



Dear New Lebanon Students and Families,

What a wonderful summer it has been preparing for my new role at New Lebanon. I have been able to watch the final pieces of the puzzle come together at the new building and surrounding campus during the months of July and August. For the most up to date information about our building's progress, please see the following link:

<https://www.greenwichschools.org/departments/facilities-rentals/building-grounds-projects/new-lebanon-school-building-committee>.

I have had the pleasure of meeting many of our teachers and staff members over the last two months, collaborating with other principals in Greenwich, and getting to know members of the community, so I can continue to lead New Lebanon to great heights. I look forward to learning and working alongside you for many years to come; I am thrilled to be a part of this community at such an important time.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, August 28th - Meet and Greet: Please join us from 2:30pm-3:00pm to meet your student's teacher and familiarize yourself with our new surroundings. Please bring any school supplies you would like to leave in the building for the year. **Afterward, at 3:00pm, parents, families, and students please join us in the cafeteria for ice cream and meet our Parent Teacher Organization (PTA).**

Thursday, August 29th - 1st Day of School: The first day of school is Thursday, August 29th - school starts at 8:15 am. Please be sure to check your email - updates on arrival, dismissal, and traffic flow are coming soon!

Please note: On the first day of school, all families and students may gather in the gym starting at 8:15am. Please gather behind your students' teacher, and parents please stand behind the children. We will have a short welcome and then students will say goodbye and head off to class with their teacher.

Thursday, August 29th - Coffee with the Principal: Please join Ms. Bartholomew and Mrs. Monaco in the Cafeteria on Thursday, August 29th at 8:30 AM. Enjoy coffee and light refreshments, learn about our upcoming school year, and hear about ways you can get involved in the PTA - a wonderful way to be a part of our school community at New Lebanon.

Thursday, September 12th, 6pm-8pm - Open House: This is an opportunity for parents only to meet their child's teachers and learn about curriculum and programming for the school year.

Grade-Specific Parent Coffees: Please join your student's teaching staff, principal, assistant principal, and other dedicated support staff to learn more about your child's learning this year at New Lebanon in the cafeteria. See dates below:

Tuesday, September 17th, 8:30am: Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade Parent Coffee

Thursday, September 19th, 8:30am: 2nd and 3rd Grade Parent Coffee

Friday, September 20th, 8:30am: 4th and 5th Grade Parent Coffee

Monday, September 2nd - Labor Day - No School

Wednesday, September 25th - Early Release at 12:45pm

Monday, September 30th - Rosh Hashanah - No School

Below is what you will find in this mailing:

- Welcome letter from Ms. Bartholomew (Ms. B), Your Principal
- Your Student's Class List - please note these are subject to change before the start of school
- Student Profile Sheet - this is VERY important. **Please update this and return it to the New Lebanon office no later than August 30th.**
- NEW Arrival and Dismissal Procedures - **COMING SOON VIA EMAIL AND WILL BE POSTED TO NEW LEBANON WEBSITE**
- A Welcome from the New Lebanon Parent Teacher Association (PTA) - please read more about membership this year! What a wonderful way to be involved and support all of the things we are able to do for our New Lebanon students.

Please note, **all other important paperwork and documents are located on our website.** There are things we are not sending home that you can only find here. Please be sure to read through all documents for parents and families on our website ASAP!

<https://www.greenwichschools.org/new-lebanon-school>

School Supply Update: Suggested student supplies will be posted on our website. Please keep in mind, you are not required to buy anything; materials for each student will be provided by the school.

IB Update: This past Spring, New Lebanon was re-authorized as an International Baccalaureate School. Our IB coordinators and groups of teachers worked hard over the summer to set our course for next year. I will be attending IB training this fall and then again with the IB team in the near future to further immerse myself in this learning.

New Staffing:

- Pre-Kindergarten: We will have three classrooms of Pre-K at New Lebanon this upcoming school year. The three Pre-K teachers are Jillian Moccia, who was at New Lebanon last year, and 2 Greenwich veteran teachers, Fatima Susana-Tejada and Michelle Callender.
 - *Do you have a child who turns 3 or 4 before December 31? Call Anna Abbott in the Pre-K office to see about possible enrollment: 203-698-7796.*
- Physical Education Teacher: We welcome Lou Villani to New Lebanon as our full time Physical Education Teacher! Lou comes to us with experience working with youth, including most recently in Greenwich Public Schools; he is thrilled to be joining our team.
- School Psychologist: We are currently working on hiring a school psychologist; please stay tuned for an update. We are sad to see Jessica McEvily move on from New Lebanon, but she will be joining Greenwich's Leadership Team as District Psychologist - Congratulations Jessica!

- **Social Worker:** While Sandra Corrente is on maternity leave, Miss Emily Khoshaboo will be joining us as our school Social Worker. Emily is an alum of New Lebanon and excited to be coming back to the community where she grew up.
- **Special Education Teacher:** Cindy Boucard is taking on a Special Education District-wide administrative role for the first few weeks and will return mid-October. During this leave, Lian Lam, an experienced Greenwich Special educator, will be in Ms. Boucard's place. They are working closely prior to the start of the year to ensure a seamless transition.
- **Teacher Grade Changes**
 - Kim Iacovino is excited to join our Kindergarten team!
 - Kathryn Frey is excited to join our 2nd grade!
 - Laura McDermott is excited to join our 4th grade team!
- Our 1st grade teacher, Kaitlyn Bertone, will be on maternity leave for the start of the school year through November. We have Laura Gonzalez, a New Lebanon teacher, will be covering for her.
- Due to the increase of Pre-K sections this year we will also have the help of Bobby Darula for PE and Doug Chew for Music.

5th Grade Academy: In preparation for middle school we are continuing with our 5th grade academy. Students in grade 5 will rotate between the 2 fifth grade teachers for core subjects. All 5th grade families will be updated on this approach during Open House on September 12th.

Daily School Schedule: This year the district has decided to return to our regular Monday through Friday schedule. We will not be on rotating days this year!

ESL Classes for Parents: Please join us for English classes for parents, starting Monday, September 9th at 6:30pm at New Lebanon School. Classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Please RSVP here: <https://www.smores.com/gqme7>. We hope to see you there!

Sleep Schedule Reminder: Don't forget to start adjusting back to your "school" sleep schedule and routine, so students can come back refreshed, rested, and ready to learn.

Cheers to a wonderful 2019-2020 school year - we cannot wait to see you!

Your Principal,
Ms. Bartholomew

