

**Welcome back to**  
**Claude Chester!**  
**2020-2021**

Dear Families and Friends,

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I hope after viewing this you will be able to get a better understanding of what your child's day will be like at CC. Please know that even though we must follow very strict guidelines and so many of the procedures will be different, CC is still the very welcoming community of educators who care deeply for our students and families!

Thank you in advance for your patience, support, understanding, and flexibility during this difficult time!

Sincerely,  
Jamie Giordano



# The HYBRID model

Each family will be assigned to a cohort that attends school in-person 2 days a week. Families that have different last names will be accomodated.

## Monday & Tuesday

Cohort 1 - IN the  
School  
Last names A-K

Cohort 2 At-home  
Remote learning

## Wednesday

All students Remote  
Learning

Buildings get deep  
cleaned

## Thursday & Friday

Cohort 2 -- IN the  
School  
Last names L-Z

Cohort 1 At-home  
Remote learning

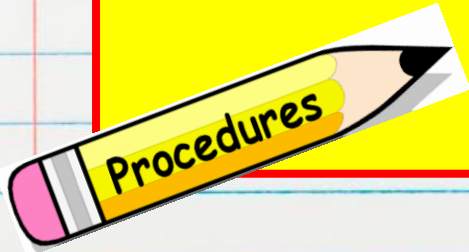
# Classroom Assignments

You will receive a letter from your child's teacher. Also, in the letter you will meet your child's entire grade level team of teachers. The reason for this is that your child might have a lesson from another teacher during Distance Learning.

Please note that your child's assigned teacher will be who they are with when they are in school.

Please look in your mail for a letter from Ms. Giordano and your child's teacher.

The Next Slides will Outline  
Some of the Procedures and  
Precautions that are in Place  
this Year!







## Wearing MASKS

- Students and staff will be wearing masks on the Bus and in the school building.

## Masks Breaks

- Teacher will schedule mask breaks throughout the day. Please start to have your child wear a mask during the day to have them feel comfortable in it. You might choose a favorite color or one that has their favorite characters on it.
- In addition, a cloth mask will be provided to all students and staff as well. Disposable masks will be provided as extras if a child loses one, gets it dirty, etc. during the day.

## Maximize SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Hallways - Floor tape will be in the center and arrows to indicate the direction to walk in hallways- "*Airplane Arms*" apart

## BATHROOM "Zones"

- Students who has a classroom in the lower hallway will only use the bathroom in the lower hallway. Students in the upper hallway will only use bathrooms in the upper hallway. Every student will sign-in and out of the class when using the bathroom.

## Frequent HAND WASHING

- Each classroom at the school has its own sink. Students will wash their hands often through out the day, before snack, before lunch, before recess and after recess.





## BREAKFAST, SNACK, LUNCH

- Students will eat in their classroom.
- NO NUTS allowed at all this year in any classroom.

## RECESS

- Each class will be assigned a different area on playground on a daily rotation. Classrooms will have their own recess equipment to use such as (chalk, playground balls, plastic jump ropes, etc.)
- Recess is a Mask-Free time for students and social distancing will be encouraged.



## Shared MATERIALS



- Each student will have their own "Tool Kits" to use for daily lessons & Art and one for Math. One will also be coming home to stay at home.
- Students will need to bring a Water Bottle that they can fill using the classroom sink. Water fountains will not be in use.
- Each student will have their own headphone and device to use in school.



## CLEANING

- Our custodians will have a schedule for cleaning high-touch surfaces throughout the day such as Bathrooms (stalls, doors, fixtures, etc.) and door handles on interior and exterior doors.
- All areas of the building will also get deep cleaned on Wednesdays when students & staff are home.

## LIMIT the Number of GUESTS coming Into the Building

- Sadly at this time, NO volunteers or guests will be allowed inside the building this includes at Drop-off and Pick-up
- Visitors to the office will be by appointment only
- All PPTs, 504s and parent meetings will be held virtually as much as possible.

# What will a Classroom Look Like?

- To maximize classroom space extra furniture has been pushed to the side or removed.
- Student desks will be spaced apart as much as possible and have clear desk partitions on desktops.
- Each student will have an Art Toolkit and a Math Toolkit
- Desks will face forward with a desk in between each
- Teacher desks will be located approximately 6 feet away from student desks.
- Teachers will be encouraged to utilize outdoor spaces for teaching.
- Every staff member that goes into a classroom, that is not their assigned classrooms, will sign in and out each time.
- Cohorts will stay together.



An example of a classroom



The hallways have a yellow line to divide it. There are arrows showing you which direction to walk. 12



An example of a Kindergarten classroom



# Arrival

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8:40 Buses will Drop-Off in the front of the building

- Students assigned to classrooms in the upper hallway will go through the cafeteria door (Grades 2DeCaro, 3, 4, 5)
- Students assigned to the lower halls will go through the main entrance door. (K, 1, and 2Vernet). There will be a staff member at the door from outside into the gym and front entrance to help guide students into the correct area
- Students go to their classrooms.
- Students will take a breakfast bag with them.

Parent Drop-off is in front of building in Bus Loop - Parent will be in line with the buses. No K to 5 parent needs to get out of their car to drop off. Student will be able to come into the school once the parent pulls through to the front.



## CC ARRIVAL

Lower Play-  
ground

SIDE-  
WALK

Staff Parking Lot ONLY

Main  
Entrance

Students will go to their classrooms right at 8:40am.

K-2V students use the front entrance; 2D-5 use the cafeteria entrance.

Breakfast bags will be available for pickup in the café for 2D-5, front of stairs next to Media for K-2V

AM Preschool -Parents wait in cars with student. At 8:55am, parent walks them to the lower playground door to then have a staff member walk the student down.

PM Preschool - Parents walk student to lower entrance at 12:43pm to then be brought to the room.

Preschool by bus - student comes off the bus and go to rooms.

Upper Playground

BUS LANE –PARENTS DROP OFF at 8:40 at main entrance and BUS DROP-OFF. NO parent needs to get out of their car.

Bus Loop -NO  
DROP-OFF here

Please note: Parents/Guests will NOT be allowed into the building in the morning.

Parking Lot

# DISMISSAL

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## PARENT PICKUP

- Parents will park their cars and lineup per grade level outside of the gate for the lower playground or on the grass for upper playground.
- Students will be on the blacktop per grade level.
- Students will come over to their parent.
- Parents will need to practice social distancing and wear a mask. Pick-up will begin at 3:15pm (see map).
- \*If you have a student on the lower and upper, please pickup child on the lower playground first.

## WALKERS

- Grades 2 through 5 will be dismissed at 3:15. Students will be led down the sidewalk to the crossing guard.
- No students will be picked up from that Walker's line. Parent must write a note to say their child is a Parent Pickup if a change.
- **Ring Drive** go out the café hallway at 3:15pm with a staff member.

## CC Dismissal

### Lower Playground

Grade 2V Pickup 3:15	Grade 1 Pickup 3:20
Kindergar- ten Pickup 3:25	Preschool Pickup 3:10

Exit

### PARENT PICKUP

Parents stay outside of the gate in line by grade level. Students will come over to them. Parents practice social distancing and wear a mask.

SIDE-  
WALK

Staff Parking Lot ONLY

Entrance

Please note: Parents/guests will not be allowed into the building during dismissal.

Students WALKING home in Grades 2 through 5 will be dismissed at 3:15 by grade level. Students will be led down the sidewalk to the crossing guard.

Ring Drive go out the café hallway at 3:15pm with a staff member.

No students will be picked up from that walkers line. Parent must write a note to say Parent Pickup

Buses will be dismissed by bus number of how they arrive (might be different each day)

\*Please note for Parent Pickup: If you have a student on the lower and upper, please pickup child on the lower playground. first.

Exit

### Upper Playground

Grade 3 Pickup 3:25	Grade 4 Pickup 3:20
Grade 2D pickup 3:25	Grade 5 Pickup 3:15

### PARENT PICKUP

Parents stay on the grass line by grade level.

Students will come over to them.

Parents practice social distancing and wear a mask.

**BUS LANE –BUSES ONLY in the FRONT**

Bus Loop

**NO PARKING**

Parking Lot. More parking in the  
Poquonock Plains Park



# Distance Learning Systems

- **Grades 3-5** will continue to utilize **Google Classroom** as their LMS (Learning Management System).
- **Grades K-2** will now use **Seesaw** for their LMS.
- We are working on specifics with regards to synchronous (live, in person) and asynchronous (taped or not direct) instruction.
- We will spend time in the first 6 weeks teaching routines for in school and Distance Learning as well as focus upon social and emotional lessons.
- More specific Distant Learning Expectations for students will be forth coming as well as tips for parents.

# Communication

- The **REMINd** App will be used as Preschool through Grade 12 as the main communicative tool for teachers to correspond with families this year. [www.remind.com](http://www.remind.com)
- It will be very important that parents/guardians be available should a student show symptoms and need to leave school - please **make sure you have updated contact information on file in PowerSchool before the start of the school year**
- Wednesday Weekly Word will continue - It will be posted to the website and possibly through Remind.
- Students in grades 3, 4, 5 will be given email accounts

Thank you so much for your help and support!

We will continue to update you throughout this whole process. It takes everyone to do their part to keep everyone safe!

Also, make sure to view the video of Ms. Giordano and Mrs. Bibby and view the helpful social story with your child - all posted to the CC website.

