

## August 10, 2022

## Dear Shepherd Glen Families,

I hope that this summer has given you much relaxation and provided quality time spent with family. I look forward to a successful school year for all and am anxious to begin. I am pleased to announce many new members of the Shepherd Glen staff for the 22-23 school year. Please join me in welcoming the following new staff members: **Kettia Saint-Surin - Grade 2 teacher, Gina Hyne - Grade 3 Teacher, Grace DesRoche - Special Education Paraprofessional , Edwina Gulama and Kayla Jarry, Quinnipiac University Interns**. As the summer months come to an end and we look ahead, we will be getting our school ready for a year of exciting learning opportunities.

## Please keep in mind some important information:

- First day of school for students is Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> 2022.
- Our school opens at 8 am and our instructional day begins at 8:15.
- Please make sure your child arrives on time each day, as being tardy causes them to lose instructional time and they begin the day falling behind in morning lessons.
- Dismissal begins at 2:55 with primary students first. Please make sure you are on time to pick up your child.
- Breakfast and lunch will be free for ALL SHG students for the 2022-23 School Year, however students are still expected to use their ID number to receive lunch and parents/guardians are still expected to fill out the free and reduced lunch forms for students attending our school. It can assist with other advantages for your child. These forms will be sent home with your child the first day of school.
- Please know parents will not be able to enter the building on the first day of school.
- K-2 parents will be given cards to display on the dashboard when dropping off and picking up students in the building loop directly in front of our school.
- Grades 3-6 parents will drop off and pick up on Skiff Street in front of the school.

 Please make sure you check our website daily/weekly where you will find important updated information on the "Happenings" at Shepherd Glen School.

I cannot express the importance of every child having a working phone number and email on his/her emergency contact form as well as in Powerschool. Many of our important school messages and information are sent via School Messenger by phone or email. As well as in case of emergencies, we need a working phone number for each child.

Our school's vision states "That all students can achieve the highest level of success through high expectations within a culturally responsive educational setting, which welcomes, respects, and celebrates the diversity of perspectives and experiences among our families."

We will live and abide by the statement as a Shepherd Glen Community and look forward to a cohesive and collaborative year together.

I thank you for your continued support as we look to a new and exciting school year for all and for entrusting your wonderful children in our care. Safety and learning is always our number one priority. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions, needs or concerns.

Respectfully,

Barbara A. Perrotti

Shepherd Glen Principal 203-407-2074 bperrotti@hamden.org