

## 2023 Newsletter: Week of September 5<sup>th</sup>

# Church Street School Champion

Soaring to New Heights!

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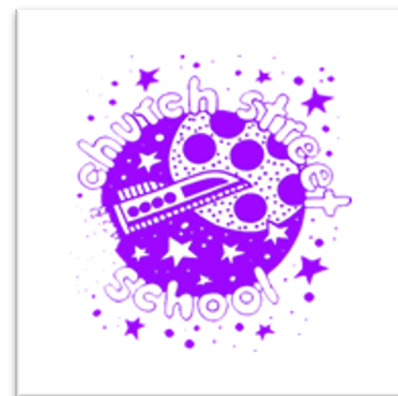
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Dear Parents and Guardian(s),

**Happy New Year!** Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! CSS is ready to open our school doors on **Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** to welcome our Tigers! We are so appreciative of our faculty and staff for all they have done to create an inviting school environment for our CSS Champions to begin a school year full of learning and growing.

Welcome to our incoming K students, new students and their families! Remember that you are now part of a family, CSS is your new community of support.

Don't forget to join us for the **PTA Back to School Picnic this Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM** on the CSS playground to celebrate the beginning of the school year. Hope to see you there!

**Looking forward to a year full of learning and growing!**

*Ms. Castillo*

Ms. Castillo, Principal

### **Family Handbook**

The Church Street School family handbook can be accessed through our website under "About Us" If you have not done so already, please make sure to read through the handbook and make sure to **complete the acknowledgement of receipt form using the link located in the handbook by Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**: <https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1692432080/whiteplainspublicschoolsorg/teza7zbtvm0sildgaa6/2023-2024ChurchStreetSchoolFamilyHandbook.pdf> If you have any additional questions, please feel free to reach out to our main office.

### **Food and Nutrition Program**

**All students** qualify for a free breakfast and lunch. The meal **menus** are located on the food services website <https://www.whiteplainspublicschools.org/district-offices/food-services/menus>. We ask that all families please complete the Education Benefit Form which can be done electronically using this link <http://www.myschoolapps.com> to take advantage of additional benefits. If you have any questions, please call (914) 422-2406.

### **Student Passes**

Please note that student passes will be distributed to students the first day of school. Every student will receive a pass and should be attached to their backpacks. The pass will be used by all students to swipe for breakfast in the morning and as a bus pass, for students who qualify for transportation. If a card is displaced during the school year, please contact our main office.

### **Bus Route and Z-Pass**

Bus route information can be accessed using the Infinite Campus parent portal.

Use this link for directions on how to access your child's bus information:

<https://www.whiteplainspublicschools.org/cms/lib/NY01000029/Centricity/Domain/66/parent%20portal%20letter%20english.pdf>

You can also contact transportation at (914) 422-2110 or our main office (914) 422-2400 for route information.

### **Kindergarten Parents 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School**

We know how important it is for our kindergarten parents to be a part of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school. Kindergarten parents will have the opportunity to drop off their kindergarteners at the classroom doors located on the playground on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Following that first day of school, students will need to enter through the normal arrival doors, the auditorium atrium.

### **Welcome to our New Office Manager and Congratulations to Mrs. Lee**

We would like to welcome our new Office Manager, Jennifer Hernandez. She has been working all summer to support the opening of the school year. She along with the office staff are available to support you. We are happy to share that **Mrs. Lee, our Assistant Principal, welcomed a baby girl, Eliana Josephine Lee!** Mrs. Lee will be back to our Church Street School community in November. Ms. Lee will be available to provide supports upon her return. Please reach out to the main office or to me, Ms. Castillo for any support you may need.



## Upcoming Events

### September 4<sup>th</sup>

- Labor Day-Schools and Offices Closed

### September 5<sup>th</sup>

- **First Day of School! Doors open at 7:55AM**
- Kindergarten Recycling program

### September 7<sup>th</sup>

- First Fire Drill

### September 8<sup>th</sup>

- **Back to School Celebration! 5:30PM** (Playground)

### September 11<sup>th</sup>

- Board of Education Meeting  
Ed. House 7:30PM

### September 12<sup>th</sup>

- First Bus Drill
- **First PTA Meeting CSS 6:30PM**

### September 18<sup>th</sup>

- First Lockdown Drill

### September 19<sup>th</sup>

- **Grades K-2 Open House 6:30PM**

### September 21<sup>st</sup>

- **Smile-Picture Day!**
- Special Person/Dad Take your Child to School Day

### September 25<sup>th</sup>

- Yom Kippur-Schools and offices closed

### September 26<sup>th</sup>

- **Grades 3-5 Open House 6:30PM**

### September 29<sup>th</sup>

- Teaching Assistant Appreciation Day!
- WPHS Football Game-Elementary Night-Tigers in Training

### September 30<sup>th</sup>

- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Car Wash-CSS**

## Back to School Read Aloud What Color Zone are you in?



### Read Aloud Link:

<https://ensemble.lhrc.org/Watch/k7DZx32T>

## How will you be a Bucket Filler at CSS?



### Read Aloud Link:

<https://ensemble.lhrc.org/Watch/St74CjFe>