

Circle Center Grade School Families,

Only three days left until the 2020-2021 school year officially begins on August 20!

I want to take this opportunity to welcome all our Yorkville Foxes back to school. Whether your child(ren) are participating in school on-site, through e-learning, or in a hybrid schedule, the CCGS employees remain united in our goal to provide all our students with the knowledge, structure, and support they need to succeed this school year. Our theme is Individually Unique, Together Complete!

### **E-Learning Update:**

**Weekly Special Class:** Thank you for selecting your child's e-learning special for this quarter. This special will occur once a week for 30 minutes. These lessons will include either live Zoom or pre-recorded videos that include a follow up activity. This instruction will begin on **September 1st**. This start date will ensure your child has time to smoothly transition into this model and become familiar with the academic schedule and routines (i.e. new learning platform, submitting assignments, logging into math/reading Zooms). The district special teacher will share more information soon.

**PE:** Your child will use a choice board to track and log 25 minutes of physical activity at home 5 days a week. This will be logged on the designated platform and checked by the PE teacher. This will begin on September 1st.

**Hybrid Update:** PE: Recess in the half day model will count as part of your child's daily PE physical activity requirement. Your child will use a choice board to track and log ONE additional 25 minute physical activity at home. This will be logged on the designated platform and checked by the PE teacher. This will begin on September 1st.

While many aspects of the school environment will be different this year, the following guidelines apply to all our families:

- The school day at CCGS starts at 8:25 a.m. for our 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade full day face to face students and ends at 3:35 p.m. A.M Hybrid students and Kindergarten students day is from 8:25 a.m until 11:25 a.m. P.M Kindergarten students will arrive at 12:25 p.m and leave at 3:25 p.m each day. Our A.M Early Childhood students will arrive at 8:35 a.m and leave at 11:05 a.m. Our P.M Early Childhood students arrive at 12:35 p.m and leave at 3:25 p.m. The doors are open 10-15 minutes prior to the school day, and we ask that you drop your children off prior to the school day starting.
- My primary communication to families will be through a Friday email/e-newsletter. Please make sure your contact information is kept up-to-date with the school so that you receive these important messages. These communications will also be posted to our school website ([www.y115.org/ccgs](http://www.y115.org/ccgs)) for your reference.
- Students are expected to participate in their classes everyday school is in session, and teachers will report class attendance. Please call the student absence line 1-630-553-4388 by 9:00, if your child will not be attending school classes that day.
- The spring 2020 parent survey results overwhelmingly requested consistent and streamlined modes of communication from school to home. Therefore, one learning

platform was selected for each grade-level span. I will be sending out specific information regarding the learning platforms and how to access them next week. It is recommended that students practice logging into their platform so they are prepared for the school year.

- SeeSaw: Kindergarten-Grade 2 (teachers will send log in information)
- Google Classroom: Grades 3-6 (teachers will send log in information)
- Canvas: Grades 7-12
- Students will be able to purchase lunch options daily and the use of water bottles or refillable water bottles is encouraged.
- We will NOT be having a school supply drop off. Teachers will be letting you know which supplies to bring to school throughout the first weeks.
- At CCGS we have a [CCGS Google Site](#) with videos of each staff member. Please click on each picture to watch these.
- Anyone who wishes to enter the school building must complete a health questionnaire (results showing he/she is symptom free) and wear a face covering.
- We want you and your children to be prepared for the school year. Please review our [WELCOME to CCGS 20-21](#) slides to learn more about what to expect this year. These slides contain information on car and bus procedures, increased cleaning, what our hallways and classrooms look like, and requirements for masks.
- Our teachers will be sending their own welcome information to you by Wednesday at 12:00.
- Please watch this [handwashing video](#) with your child, [this video](#) on social distancing, and [this video](#) on mask wearing.

School buses will be back on the roads traveling throughout the community. Please remember to obey bus stop arm laws. Drivers must stop at least 20 feet from any school bus that is stopped and is flashing its red warning lights. Violators can face a \$300 fine and a 3-month license suspension for the first offense, and \$1,000 fine and a 1-year license suspension for a second offense.

As this learning environment is new for us all, I encourage our students and parents to communicate with me regarding any concerns or suggestions you have to improve our school community. I also encourage you to become an active member of the CCGS family—follow us on social media (@115ccgs), participate in PTO activities, and recognize our dedicated employees and incredible students with positive thoughts and messages.

If you would like to get a first week at school picture in front of the building, you can come Monday-Wednesday at any time and after 4:00 p.m any other day of the week. Please know the sign is not being cleaned daily.

I look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Thursday, August 20.

Sincerely,  
Shannon Hamm  
Principal