

# 2024 Newsletter: Week of September 5<sup>th</sup>

## Church Street School Champion

Soaring to New Heights!

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**Principal:** Myra Castillo **Assistant Principal:** Meredith Lee

Dear Parents and Guardian(s),

**Happy New Year!** Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We are ready to welcome our CSS Tigers on **Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**!

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 Friday, September 13<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! Together, we will ensure that we unlock the infinite potential of each CSS Tiger, every day!**

*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 6<sup>th</sup>** <https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1723837165/whiteplainspublicschoolsorg/k85Pvranqocwrxibm9lic/2024-2025ChurchStreetSchoolFamilyHandbook.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.

### **Dismissal Plans**

If you have not done so already, please make sure that you have communicated your child's dismissal plans for the school year to our main office. If you have not done so already, please communicate with our main office before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school at (914)422-2400.

### **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 Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Following that first day of school, students will need to enter through the normal arrival doors, the auditorium atrium.

### **Nurse Communication**

Nurse Panetta will be out until the end of September. Sub nurses will be supporting us during this time. We ask that you if need to communicate with the sub nurse, to please call our main office to be connected directly. The sub nurses will not have access to emails.



## Upcoming Events

**September 4<sup>th</sup>**

- **Incoming Kindergarten Meet and Greet 2:30PM (Church Street School)**

**September 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

**September 9<sup>th</sup>**

- **Reminder-First Fire Drill**
- Board of Education Meeting Ed. House 7:30PM

**September 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

**September 12<sup>th</sup>**

- First Bus Drill

**September 13<sup>th</sup>**

- Code of Conduct Assemblies
- **Back to School Celebration! 5:30PM (Playground)**

**September 17<sup>th</sup>**

- First Lockdown Drill

**September 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

**September 21<sup>st</sup>**

- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Car Wash (Church Street School)**

**September 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

**September 27<sup>th</sup>**

- Teaching Assistant Appreciation Day!

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



**Read Aloud Link:**

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

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



**Read Aloud Link:**

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