

<p><b>August: Back to School Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first day of school is [insert date].</li> <li>• If you don't send your child to school until after Labor Day, they will have already missed four days of school.</li> <li>• Make sure your child has the proper immunizations to start school.</li> <li>• School starts at [time] and ends at [time]</li> <li>• <i>Our school's attendance incentives for this school year:</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>September: Our School's Policies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Our school's attendance policies:</i></li> <li>• <i>Excuses</i></li> <li>• <i>Excused vs. Non-Excused</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>October: Impact on Learning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students who are chronically absent miss valuable learning and instruction, which can cause them to fall behind in school.</li> <li>• When students miss school, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and their careers.</li> <li>• Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade - which is one of the leading indicators of future school success and graduation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>November: Tips for Parents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Even if absences are excused, missing school can still impact a child's education. Avoid extended family trips and appointments when school is in session.</li> <li>• Set a regular bed time and morning routine.</li> <li>• Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.</li> <li>• Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up.</li> <li>• Communicate with the school – your child's teacher or the main office, when things come up. Ask for help when you need it!</li> </ul>	<p><b>December: Holiday Schedules</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each year, absences increase before and after winter break. Although it is tempting to extend the break by a few days, those days add up.</li> <li>• Our teachers will be teaching and our students will be learning up until break begins.</li> <li>• <i>Our school's winter activities that promote attendance:</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>January: Winter Challenges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bad weather and illnesses can present challenges in getting children to school during the winter months.</li> <li>• Develop back-up plans for getting your children to school in bad weather. Call on a family member, neighbor or another parent to help.</li> <li>• Keep your children healthy – dress warm for cold weather, remind them about hand washing and talk to your doctor or the school nurse when you are unsure if your child should come to school.</li> <li>• <i>Our school's basic needs pantry has items to help keep your family warm and healthy. If you are in need of supplies, contact our Community School Director.</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>February: A Message from the Nurse</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only let your child stay home when they are truly sick.</li> <li>• <i>Our school nurse's advice:</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>March: On Time, All Day, Every Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School starts at [time] and ends at [time]</li> <li>• The late bell rings at [time]. After that, students begin to accumulate tardy minutes.</li> <li>• [#] tardy minutes = 1 full school day.</li> <li>• It is important for students to arrive to school on time. This is when students eat breakfast and then instruction begins promptly.</li> <li>• Even if a child doesn't miss an entire school day, but is only late or leaves early, this can still negatively impact learning. Ensure your child arrives at school on time and stays for the whole day.</li> </ul>	<p><b>April: Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Too many absences – excused or unexcused – can keep students from being successful.</li> <li>• How many are too many? 10% of the school year – that's 17 days or 2 days a month – can knock students off track.</li> <li>• Good school attendance means elementary students will read well by the end of third grade, middle schoolers will pass important courses and high schoolers will stay on track for graduation.</li> </ul>

<b>May: EVERY day, until the LAST day</b>	<b>June: Crossing the Finish Line</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are still # days of school left. You are almost to the finish line, but make sure to continue to attend every day, until the last day.</li> <li>• Our teachers are teaching and our students are learning until the very last day of school, so it is just as important to be here now as it was in the beginning of the year.</li> <li>• <i>Our end of the year activities you won't want to miss:</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highlight school attendance achievements for the school year.</li> </ul>	