



CARMEN ARACE MIDDLE SCHOOL

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2022

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES & REMINDERS



August 31—First Day of School

September 5—Labor Day Schools & Offices closed

September 14—Early Dismissal—Professional Development for Teachers

September 22—Open House 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.

SCHOOL HOURS:

**Regular day
8:05 A.M.-2:50 P.M.**

**Early Dismissal
8:05 A.M.—12:50 P.M.**

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Hope you have had an enjoyable summer and are ready for a successful 2022-2023 school year.

We are committed to delivering a first class education that prepares every student to achieve within and beyond school. This shared responsibility includes you, your child, school staff and me.

We need you to support school policies and procedures, reinforce school learning at home (practice basic reading, mathematics, writing skills and homework completion), and be an active participant with two-way communication while monitoring student progress in PowerSchool. This will further support our efforts to hold true to our mission to educate and elevate our students.

To that end, we will help students calculate, understand and articulate his/her academic standing (i.e., grade point average, class standing or test grades).

The faculty will make information accessible and user friendly to you and your child. I am committed to working with you and look forward to leading the charge to achieve academic excellence!

If you have questions, please feel free to call or stop by the school.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

In anticipation of a great year,

Trevor L. Ellis, Ed.D.
Principal



“EVERY GREAT DREAM BEGINS WITH A DREAMER. ALWAYS REMEMBER, YOU HAVE WITHIN YOU THE STRENGTH, THE PATIENCE, AND THE PASSION TO REACH FOR THE STARS TO CHANGE THE WORLD.” HARRIET TUBMAN



School Hours

First day of School is **Wednesday August 31, 2022** 8:05 a.m. - 2:50 p.m. Please **do not drop students off before 7:45 A.M.**, as there is no adult supervision before that time.



Uniform Policy

Students should report to school dressed in uniform each day. The middle school **top colors are white, yellow, or black.** The middle school **bottom colors are khaki, navy, or black.** **No sweatshirts or hoodies.** (See attached flyer for additional information). If a student is not in compliance with this policy, a parent/guardian will be asked to bring in appropriate clothing to school. **Students will not be permitted to attend class until appropriate compliance has been made.**



Open House

Open House will be held **in September 22, 2022.**



Breakfast and Lunch: The Bloomfield School Food Service



offers affordable, nutritious breakfasts and lunches

to all school students in a clean, safe and friendly environment.

Bloomfield Public Schools will offer free meals to all children through the 2022-2023 school year.

The Food Service Department still encourage families to complete the meal application form when it becomes available.



School Supplies

Please use the attached **Back to School Shopping List** when shopping for school supplies.

Late Buses

Late buses are available to students who remain after school for extra help or participate in after school activities. **Our late buses pick up students at 4:10 p.m. Late buses will begin—TBD.**



Homeroom Lists

Homeroom lists will be **POSTED** on the front entrance to the school **by August 30, 2022.**

Lockers

Please **provide your child with two locks one for PE and one for personal locker.** It will be necessary for students to provide homeroom teachers with the combination and/or an extra key for emergency purposes. The purpose of the lock is to ensure the security of your child’s belongings.



Immunizations

Please make sure that your child **has all of the immunizations necessary to start school.** Please note that by state law students who have not met medical requirements cannot be admitted to class.



Picture Day

**October 25, 2022
November 30, 2022**





BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING LIST

- **3 Ring Binder (with Zipper if possible)
(7th Grade Students only)**

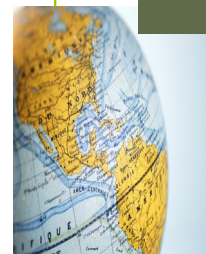
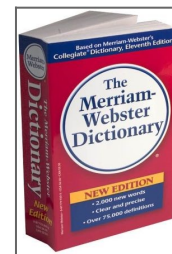
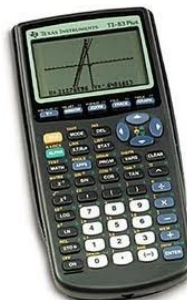


7th & 8th Grade Students

- Large 3-ring binder
- 2 Pocket folder for each subject
- 3 x 5 Index cards
- Six subject dividers
- Notebook paper
- Highlighters (yellow, blue, pink, green)
- Pencils and pens
- Colored pencils and water-based markers or crayons
- Two locks (one for P.E. and one for personal locker)
- Book covers
- A scientific calculator (7th and 8th grade students)
- A sturdy book bag
- Premier School Agenda / scheduler will be provided to each student at no cost. A \$5.00 charge will be assessed if replacement is required.
- 12" ruler
- Glue sticks
- Student scissors
- Pocket (small) dictionary
Dictionary with word etymology origin - examples are:
American Heritage Dictionary
Merriam Webster Dictionary



These are general requirements. Individual teachers may provide students with additional lists at the opening of school.



HEALTH and SAFETY PROTOCOLS 2022-2023

Be certain, Carmen Arace Middle School will follow strict state and federal health and safety guidelines.

We will:

- * Clean and sanitize throughout the day
- * Mark hallways and common areas with tape that is six feet apart
- * Wear masks, wash hands often, and use hand sanitizer
- * Practice social distancing
- * Refrain from shaking hands, physical contact, and sharing materials
- * Group students and stagger hallway transitions to reduce exposure
- * Recommend staying home if sick
- * Assess students for trauma
- * Facilitate student/staff check-ins to discuss the impact of the pandemic
- * Reach out to students and families to offer support

Meals:

- * Students will eat in small groups in the cafeteria and/or classroom to adhere to social distancing

Entering the Classroom:

- * Hallway transitions will be staggered and traffic will move in one direction
- * Class sizes will be smaller than usual
- * Students will maintain social distance
- * Some rooms/areas will be repurposed to accommodate classroom space

If someone gets sick at school, they will be:

- * Evaluated by the school nurse and excluded from school **IMMEDIATELY** if COVID-19 symptoms are exhibited
- * Asked to wait in the isolation room until picked up by parent/guardian, responsible person, or released to another health care facility
 - The isolation room will be separate from the health office
 - Students will not be left alone in the isolation room
- * *Those in contact with the student or staff member will be notified of the exposure by school administration and instructed on current [CDC recommendations](#) related to exposure.*

If someone gets sick at home, they:

- * Should **NOT** attend school/work and should inform the school if they are sick with COVID-19 related symptoms or if they have had contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19

COVID-19 symptoms include:

- * Cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever above 100 degrees, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea, new loss of taste or smell, headaches

*If a student or staff member has had [close contact](#) with someone with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, the student or staff member **MUST** remain home for 14 days and [self-monitor](#).*

