



September 3, 2023

Dear Katharine D. Malone Family,

As we wind down the summer, I hope you and your family are enjoying the holiday weekend. I am looking forward to a fantastic year of new friendships, exciting discoveries, and limitless accomplishments!

In anticipation of the first day of school on Tuesday, September 5th, I am providing reminders to assist you in ensuring a great start to the year.

- **School Day Hours:** The school day begins at 8:45 am and ends at 3:10 pm. Please see the bell schedule [HERE](#)
- **Bus Transportation:** Bus Code of Conduct expectations will be enforced. Click [HERE](#).
- **Parent Drop-Off Procedures:** Please enter the driveway next to transportation and come down the hill. Follow the cones in the parking lot, and weave your way to the side entrance of the building. Staff will help direct parents and greet students.
- **Parent Pick-Up Procedures:** Please use the visitor's spots in the front lot or the parking lot across the street.
- **Genesis Parent Portal:** [HERE](#) you will find vital information regarding your child's schedule, teacher's name, and bus assignments.
- **Attendance:** Please familiarize yourself with the district attendance policy. If a student is going to be absent, please call the school at 973-627-7512.
- **Lunch:** All classrooms are nut-free environments. Students will eat in the cafeteria, gym, and classrooms on a rotating basis. For general lunch information, click [HERE](#). Eligible students may apply [HERE](#) for free or reduced lunch.
- **Water Bottles** (refillable): Please send labeled water bottles so the students can use and refill them.
- **Communication Framework:** Click [HERE](#) to follow the framework in regard to all school-related inquiries.
- **Supply Lists:** Click [HERE](#)
- **Assessments Schedule:** Click [HERE](#) for this year's assessment schedule.
- **KDM Website:** Click [HERE](#)
- **KDM Instagram:** Click [HERE](#)

Important Dates to Remember

September 5th (Tuesday): First Day of School

September 13th (Wednesday): PTA Meeting at 7 pm

September 15th (Friday): School Closed for Rosh Hashanah

September 22nd (Friday): PTA Candy Bar Bingo

September 25th (Monday): School Closed for Yom Kippur

September 26th (Tuesday): Back to School Night

On behalf of the staff, thank you to our wonderful PTA members who will be at the school with music, bright smiles, and much fanfare to welcome our students on the first day. Please check out their newsletter [HERE](#). We appreciate their support.

Wishing you a great first day of school,

Brian Rawlins

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