

WOODBRIIDGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Principal

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Dear Claremont Avenue Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. I hope that our students and families had an enjoyable and healthy summer. We are excited to see our students back in school on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

Claremont Avenue School community is committed to providing every child with a safe, nurturing, and academically enriching school experience. Our teachers are dedicated to providing students with a strong academic foundation and skills to foster respect for themselves and for each other. We will continue departmentalization in grades 4&5 for language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science, as well as continue our Cougar Compliment and Character Education programs throughout the school year. Claremont Spirit Day will be on the 20th of each month.

To ensure the safest environment for all students and staff at Claremont Avenue School, please review the following procedures and guidelines.

Opening Procedures – Beginning the first day of school.

Bus Students - Students who are taking the bus will walk directly into the school building to their classrooms.

Students not transported by bus (Walkers)

- The Front Door and Door 4 will open at 8:45am each day and will close promptly at 9:00am. Any student who arrives after 9:00am must come to the front door and be signed in by a parent/guardian.
 - Front Door: Staff will be present to greet the students at the drop off location. Vehicles are not to be parked in the drop off line on Claremont Avenue. If you would like to walk your child to the drop off location, please park your vehicle away from the line.
 - Door 4: Staff will be at the door to greet students. Please walk your child to the door to meet the staff member.
 - Kindergarten students may enter through the front door or meet their classroom teachers at Door 9 during the first week of school.

*Staff will be present to assist students in locating their classrooms.

Dismissal Procedures – Pick up (Walkers)

- Dismissal is at 3:30pm. See door listed below:
 - Kindergarten - Door 9
 - Grade 1 – Outside Classroom Door
 - Grades 2&3 -Door 4
 - Grades 4&5- Door 2
- If you need to make a change to the dismissal procedure, you must submit a note to the main office with your child's name, specify the change, date, and your signature.

- Your child will be released only to those listed in Genesis Parent Portal. Bring valid photo identification.
- If parents request that siblings be dismissed together, please submit a note and the children will be dismissed out the door of the younger sibling.
- In the event you need to change your child's daily dismissal procedure, you must contact the main office.

Parking

- No one is permitted to park or stop any motor vehicle in the circle in front of the main entrance, in the faculty parking lot, or in the rear lot of the building. Double parking or leaving motor vehicles unattended is not permitted.
- Please adhere to these guidelines at all times regardless of the weather conditions.

Absences

- To ensure the safety and accountability of all students, it is important that absences or late arrivals be reported to the school attendance line. Please call (732)568-5639 if your child will not be at school by 9:00am.
- Students who arrive after 9:00am must be signed in by a parent/guardian.
- Do not notify the main office or your child's absence via email

Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast and lunch are available for purchase. Please open this link for information: <https://5il.co/237rk>

Dropping off Forgotten Items

If you need to drop off a forgotten lunch or other necessary school item, please place the item (labeled with your child's name and teacher's name) in the drop box outside of the school and ring the bell to notify the main office.

Visitors

All visitors must show photo identification and have an appointment.

Important Dates:

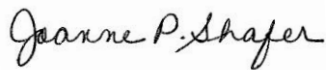
Open House – Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 6pm.

Lifetouch School Picture Day – Monday, October 2, 2023.

Please ensure that your contact information is up to date Genesis Parent Portal. During the school year, you are encouraged to visit the Claremont Avenue School #20 webpage at <https://www.woodbridge.k12.nj.us/o/claremont> for information relating to our school.

Thank you for your continued support of Claremont Avenue School. We are so excited to welcome our students back to school and look forward to a successful school year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Joanne P. Shafer
Principal