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Dear CCS Families,

Hello! I hope you all are enjoying a fun and relaxing summer with family and friends, and all that you love! It is hard to believe that it is August already, and we are working diligently to prepare for another wonderful year at Cornwall Consolidated School. We cannot wait to be back together again. The purpose of this mailing is to provide as much information as possible in regards to general information for the 2023-2024 school year. Included you will find information in regards to bus schedules, back to school supplies, after school care, and more.

We are looking forward to the start of this school year and to seeing everyone again soon. **The first day of school for students will be Tuesday, August 29th and it will be a full day.** Please note that the first week has students attending school from Tuesday, August 29th to Thursday, August 31st. There will be no school for students on Friday, September 1st as that is a Teacher Professional Development day or on Monday, September 4th which is Labor Day. Students will resume school on Tuesday, September 5th. The [2023-2024 CCS School Calendar](#) and [Important dates document](#) are included in this mailing for your reference so that you are aware of early release and vacation days.

General Back to School Information

Arrival and Dismissal for Students Being Dropped Off or Picked Up: Doors will open at 8:15 AM. Parents dropping and picking students off will be given a numbered spot in the upper parking lot prior to the start of school. We ask that parents pull into the numbered spot. Staff will come to each car and escort children safely to the school. If you arrive after 8:30 AM, please ring the doorbell and someone will buzz your child in. Dismissal will begin at 3:00 PM. Parents should pull into the assigned number spot and wait for their child. Staff will again be escorting children safely. Please be sure to complete the transportation information on the appropriate enclosed document as to how your child will get to and from school each day. If your child will be late to school or you need to pick up your child early, please call the office as soon as possible.

Absences & Tardies: If your child will be absent or tardy, please call the school by 8:00 AM and leave a message in the absentee mailbox: 860 672-2939 Ext 304 or email Clare Rashkoff, School Nurse, crashkoff@cornwallschool.org

Bus Schedules: Please watch the *Lakeville Journal* for the posting of the bus routes. We will also share bus routes with you electronically once we receive them from the bus company. Please have your child/children ready 10 minutes prior to the listed pick up time, especially the first week. All-Star Transportation manages the bus routes. If you have any questions concerning them please contact All-Star Transportation, Michelle Christian at (860) 435-0352.

Before / After School Program: *We will offer limited Before and After School Care.* Families in need of Before and/ or After School care should submit their information on the appropriate enclosed document. This year we are able to offer before school care for a small number of students. Since we are a small school with limited resources and staff, we will be able to accommodate approximately 10 students for before school care and 20 students for after school care. Students will be selected on a first come first serve basis. We will do our best to support as many families as we can. Families will be contacted as soon as the appropriate enclosed document is received so that they know if their child will be able to attend either or both programs.

The before school program will run on school days from 7:15 AM - 8:15 AM and the after school program will run from dismissal to 5:00 PM. **Both of these programs will start on Tuesday, September 5th and not the first three days of school.** There is a cost to these programs.

Lunch: Students will be able to have hot lunch and milk provided by Housatonic Valley Regional High School this year if families choose for a fee. Families can complete a form to see if they qualify for reduced or free lunches. Information regarding the school lunch program is included in the information packet. Students who will be bringing their own lunch from home will need to bring a cold lunch or a heated one in a thermos. We are not able to have microwaves available to students.

Back to School Supplies: Families do not need to worry about purchasing back to school supplies. We order in bulk all that students need for the school year. There is no need for back to school shopping for supplies unless you choose to do so. Hopefully this will lessen some stress for the return to school!

All we ask to be supplied from home are:

1. A backpack large enough to carry material to and from school
2. A beach towel to be used outside as we hope to utilize outdoor space when possible
3. Headphones for middle schoolers

CCS Student Informational Documents

In this mailing, there are informational documents and forms that need to **be returned by Friday, August 18th.** These forms will ensure that we have a smooth and safe opening for students. The forms can be dropped off at the school, faxed (860 672-6685), mailed (address at top), or scanned and emailed to provezzi@cornwallschool.org

The forms that need to be returned are:

1. [2023-2024 CCS Annual Health Information Form](#) (Each child needs a completed form)
2. [2023-2024 CCS Student Information/Emergency Confidential Form](#) (Each child needs a completed form)
3. [2023-2024 CCS Technology Agreement Form K-4; 2023-2024 CCS Technology Agreement Form 5-8](#) (Each Child needs a completed form)
4. [2023-2024 CCS Transportation, Photo Permission and Preferred Communication Form](#) (Only one form needed per family)
5. [2023-2024 CCS Student Handbook](#) (Only one form needed per family - found on the last)

Thank you for all your support in getting the necessary documents completed and returned by Friday, August 19th. Please do not hesitate to call me or email me with any questions or concerns.

Best,

Leanne Maguire, Principal