

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools

SCHOOL ONE
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Dear School One Families,

It's so hard to believe that the first day of school is right around the corner. I thank you for your patience, support, and understanding as we have navigated a very busy summer and prepared for our first day on **Thursday, September 7**. I hope you are all enjoying the last days of summer! The School One staff and I are eager to see our students and families and welcome you all to the 2023/2024 school year. This letter serves as a reminder for several upcoming dates and times and to help answer many of your questions.

I want to start by welcoming all of our new families to School One. We hope that you take advantage of all that the School One community has to offer. The School One staff looks forward to building this partnership with all of you and we are excited to show just how amazing our community is.

The custodians and office staff have been working throughout the summer to get the building ready for the start of the year. Our dedicated team of teachers and staff have been diligently preparing for this year to ensure a safe, nurturing, and engaging learning environment for your children. Many of our teachers have been attending professional development throughout the summer and are excited to share their new knowledge with their students.

Class Assignments - Access to class assignments was shared last week. If you had trouble accessing this information through the PowerSchool Parent Portal please reach out to the main office.

Virtual Welcome Packet - To start the school year, please visit the School One website. Please click on the virtual backpack icon on the homepage for more information.

Sign Up for the PTA Eblast - Our PTA provides an extraordinary service to our community through it's weekly E-Blast. Although school has not started, the E-Blast is up and running and will keep you posted on what's ahead. If you are not receiving the E-Blast, please sign up [here](#).

Sign Up for the PTA Directory - Our PTA creates a printed school directory that is private and confidential for the exclusive use of School One families and staff. To include your information in our directory please [click here](#).

Dismissal Procedures Form - We take the safety of your child very seriously and it is imperative that we know their daily dismissal procedure. If you have not done so already, please complete the demographic forms on the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

What to bring the first day of school:

- School supplies as described on the website
- Snack - nut-free
- Lunch - packed from home or you may select from our cafeteria options using the prepaid feature
- Backpack
- Refillable water bottle - labeled with student's name (water fountains are no longer accessible)
- Devices do not need to be brought to school the first day - the teacher will instruct students when to bring their device

Schedule:

- Pre-K AM session is from 8:25 (arrival) - 11:20 AM (dismissal) and Pre-K PM session is from 12:20 (arrival) - 3:10 PM (no change in times)
- Grades K-4 is from 8:25-8:35 (arrival) - 3:10 PM (dismissal)
- Teachers will meet students outside the front of the building, near their arrival door on the first two days of school.
- Arrival doors are as follows:
 - Pre-K: Door 1 (Main)
 - Kindergarten: Door 1 (Main)
 - 1st-4th Grades: Door 1 or Door 15
 - Students arrive and departing via Bus: Front door/Main Entrance
- Dismissal doors are as follows:
 - Pre-K: Door 1 (Main)
 - Kindergarten: Door 1 (Main)
 - 1st Grade: Door 1 (Main)
 - Akinnitire, MacDermant, Smith, Smoot: Door 15
 - Scarano, Yarem, Young: Door 14
 - D'Antuono, Duffy, Glinski, Romero: Door 13

Lunch:

- Create an account via www.payschoolscentral.com for your child(ren) to purchase school lunches
- Students will be eating in the cafeteria.
- Students will have the opportunity to use sanitizer/wash hands before and after lunch.
- Students will remain seated during lunch.
- Students may go home for the lunch and recess hour, but must return in the afternoon for in person instruction. If you would like to pick up your child for lunch, you must notify the teacher and the office in advance. Pick up will be at the Main Entrance. Students going home for lunch must remain home for the entire lunch and recess hour.
- Please remember to have your child bring a water bottle.

Lunch/ Recess Times:

Lunch/Recess 11:15-12:15	Lunch/Recess 12:20-1:20
Grades 3 & 4	Grades K, 1, & 2

Snack:

- Please provide easy to eat snacks that are peanut and tree nut free (walnuts, almonds, pistachio, hazelnut, nutella etc). Students should be independent when opening/eating snack.

Recess:

- If you wish, send your child to school wearing sunscreen. We will not be able to apply or reapply.

Attendance:

There are several ways you can report your child's absence:

1. Call the Attendance Line to report a student's absence due to illness, vacation, etc. at **(908) 322-7731 option 1**. This line is open 24 hours a day.
2. Enter your child's absence via the PowerSchool Parent Portal. [Click here](#) for information.
3. Email Mrs. O'Brien at cobrien@spfk12.org.
4. Report specific reason(s) for the absence to assist the nurses and administrators.

Upcoming Dates:

- Back-to-School Night - Thursday, September 14th
- New Family Meeting - Wednesday, September 20th
- Parent Teacher Conferences - November 1st, 2nd, and 3rd

We are thrilled to have all of our students back for the start of what is sure to be an amazing school year. We look forward to collaborating with you all this year to make the experience for each child a wonderful one!

Sincerely,



Justin Fiory
Principal