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Mission: Each student is highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community.

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Dear Georgian Heights Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! I hope you are rejuvenated and ready to start an exciting new year. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and I look forward to working with you and your children.

Georgian Heights staff is committed to providing *each student* with a quality education that is full of meaningful and enriching learning experiences. As we set the standards academic excellence and personal growth, the expectations are for all students to attend school on time, daily, and model outstanding behavior. With your support, we will continue to make our school community, a place of purpose where each student is valued and achieves their full potential. We are looking forward to continuing to build relationships with our families and the community. This school year we welcome the following new staff members:

Kirsten Morrison- Math Intervention Teacher

Meghan England-1st grade

Kelly Fiorille-Kindergarten

Dwayne Zimmerman-Music

Jalla Groves-Primary MD

Lori Fletcher-GT Specialist grades 3-5

Rachel Lafferty-GT Specialist grades K-2

Rhenda Remle-Speech Pathologist

Tucker Hlad-Counselor

Lisa O'Neill-Social Worker

Anthony Hermann-Latchkey Teacher

Matthew Hobbs-Psychologist

Communication is key as we transition into the new school year. Our goal is to have continuous communication with families throughout the school year. ClassDojo is our school-wide communication platform that will keep families updated on important classroom, school, and district announcements, information, and so forth. It is essential that all families are signed up to receive ClassDojo and Parent Portal messages to receive all immediate updates.

We have been working hard all summer to plan for a safe opening of school and to implement best practices to mitigate the risks associated with Covid-19. We will continue to

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emphasize social emotional learning as we continue to monitor the impact of COVID in all of our PK-5 classrooms.

Georgian Heights is such a special place to learn and grow. We are proud and have high expectations for each and every student. Our students are kind, compassionate, and inquisitive. Together with our dedicated staff, we strive to make connections with students to help them feel valued, accepted, and safe. **Our Georgian Heights motto of “Soar to Success Red-Tailed Hawks” will continue to guide our mission to CREATING AN INCLUSIVE CULTURE THAT PROMOTES COMPREHENSIVE LITERACY, MATH, AND SCIENCE EXPERIENCES FOR ALL STUDENTS.**

THIS IS OUR TIME TO SHINE!

Sincerely,

Nakita M. Smoot

Principal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

BACK TO SCHOOL EXTRAVAGANZA-Our back-to-school event will be held on Monday, August 22nd from 5:00-6:30 p.m. This event will be outdoors and will include food trucks, games, music, Parent Portal assistance, community organizations/resources, and more.

PARENT PORTAL INFORMATION-Please download the CCS App (Spirit of CCS). If you have not already set up an account, please follow these instructions: Visit ccsoh.us, click on Families link, Create a CCS Parent Portal account. Note, you must have your Parent Portal GUID ID in order to proceed accessing your child's information. With this account you can access the school calendar, class schedules, menus, assignments, grades, attendance, school closing information and bus routing information. Please put your GuidID (activation code) in a safe place. If you did not receive an activation code, contact (614) 365-8888 or (614) 365-4011 to for assistance. If you have an existing account and are locked out, you must contact Customer Relations at (614)365-8888 to have your password reset. If you have any further issues, please contact the CCS Fact Line at (614)365-3228. **Please make sure your contact information and email is up to date in the parent portal.**

****New CCS Students**-Parent Portal access information was provided to you during your enrollment meeting. Please contact the school if you do not have this information.

Through the Parent Portal, you'll be able to securely access valuable information on your student(s):

- Teacher Contact
- Grades and Course Schedules
- Daily Attendance
- Missed Assignments
- Paperless Applications for School Choice, Summer School, and Career Tech

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- Update Contact Information
- Pay Fees
- Transportation Information
- **For more information on the Parent Portal or to set up your account, [please visit this page](#) or download the document below.**

CHANGE OF ADDRESS-Current CCS families must update their address and upload the **necessary documents** via the **Annual Update in your Parent Portal***.

Address link-<https://www.ccsch.us/Page/1176>

CLASS DOJO- If you do not already have the **ClassDojo** app, please consider downloading this app. Your child's classroom teacher will be reaching out to get you signed up. ClassDojo is one way we can get information sent quickly and directly to your cell phone, and you can message staff and administration through the app. Class Dojo will also be the school wide communication platform for Georgian Heights school announcements and important information for students and families.

SUPPLY LISTS-Please visit our school website for the current school supply list as well as other important information - www.ccsch.us/GeorgianHeightsES.

CHROMEBOOK DISTRIBUTION- Students are to bring their chromebooks charged and ready to go on the first day of school. New students will receive a chromebook at the beginning of the school year.

COVID-19 INFORMATION- CCS has provided information, videos, and resources regarding COVID-19. Please use the following link to access the information.

COVID-19 Mitigation link- <https://www.ccsch.us/Page/11477>

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL-Wednesday, August 24, 2022, is the first day of school for our students in grades 1-5. **Our Special Needs Preschool and Preschool students will begin on September 8th** and will also receive additional information from the Columbus City Schools Early Childhood Department. Please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep before the first day of school.

KINDERGARTEN-Kindergarten families will receive an appointment time and date via email for students for assessments. Only one adult per child is permitted to enter the building for the assessment appointment. ***Kindergartners first day is Monday, August 29th.**

SCHOOL SCHEDULE/ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL- A copy of the Georgian Heights' daily schedule is attached to this letter. It is important for students to arrive on time for school each day so they can take advantage of breakfast and learning opportunities. However, students should not arrive prior to 8:45 am as there is no adult supervision at this time.

Kindergarten students will dismiss at 3:25 pm (after the first few weeks of school) and students in grades 1 – 5 will dismiss at 3:30 pm. Please see the attached map for student pick up and drop off information.

Transportation- Your child's bus stop, route number, and pick-up and arrival times will be available mid-August in your Parent Portal. Addresses must be updated by parents in the Parent Portal in order to ensure that your child will be picked up at the correct location. Contact the Transportation Department at 614-365-5074 about any questions or concerns about transportation needs. Please do not wait until the first day of school because you may encounter a much longer wait time with the high call volume on that day. Your child should be at the bus stop 5 – 10 minutes prior to their scheduled pick-up time. Due to unforeseen circumstances, buses may run late at the beginning of the year, please be patient as we "work out the kinks" and please don't hesitate to contact the Transportation Department.

Transportation link-<https://www.ccssoh.us/domain/230>

STUDENT PICK UP POLICY/CHANGES IN DISMISSAL ROUTINE- Your child's safety is important to us. Please remember you must bring a picture ID each time you wish to pick up your child during school hours and only those individuals listed on your child's emergency card may pick up your child (and these individuals must provide a picture ID as well). Please also keep in mind, no students will be released between 3:15 pm and 3:30 pm while the building staff focuses on a safe and orderly dismissal. **If you wish to change your child's routine dismissal procedure, please send a written note each day you wish to make the change.**

FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH- ALL students enrolled in Columbus City Schools qualify for a free breakfast AND free lunch EVERY DAY! There is no application or income verification required. This program is funded through the US Department of Agriculture, at no cost to Columbus City Schools. Breakfast will be a grab and go as students enter the building at 8:45 a.m. each day. Lunch will also be provided each day for all students.

Lunch Menus- <https://www.ccssoh.us/domain/225>

STUDENT ATTENDANCE POLICY - Your child's attendance in learning is critical during this time. We will have a specific procedure for attendance, and this will be explained during our opening meetings. Ohio attendance laws still apply at this time; therefore, students should be in attendance each day. Please contact the school using the email address link below or contact the school to report your child's absence.

Georgian Heights attendance link-attendance.gh@columbus.k12.oh.us

LATCHKEY-If you need to drop off your student at school prior to 8:45 am, please contact the Columbus City Schools Latch Key Department to get information about our building's Latch Key program at 614-365-5891.

Latchkey link-<https://www.ccssoh.us/Page/2213>

CCS DISTRICT CALENDAR- The district calendar link is below.

<https://docs.google.com/viewerng/viewer?url=https://www.ccssoh.us/cms/lib/OH01913306/Centrality/Domain/1622/2022+2023+Traditional+School+Calendar+FINAL.pdf>

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Back-to-School Online Resource Hubs

The following information is now available on the district website. Please click on these links to read the information that has been shared with families.

Back to School Hub: <https://www.ccsch.us/domain/4142> (Links to an external site.)
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Alternative Opening Information: <https://www.ccsch.us/Page/11564>

UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

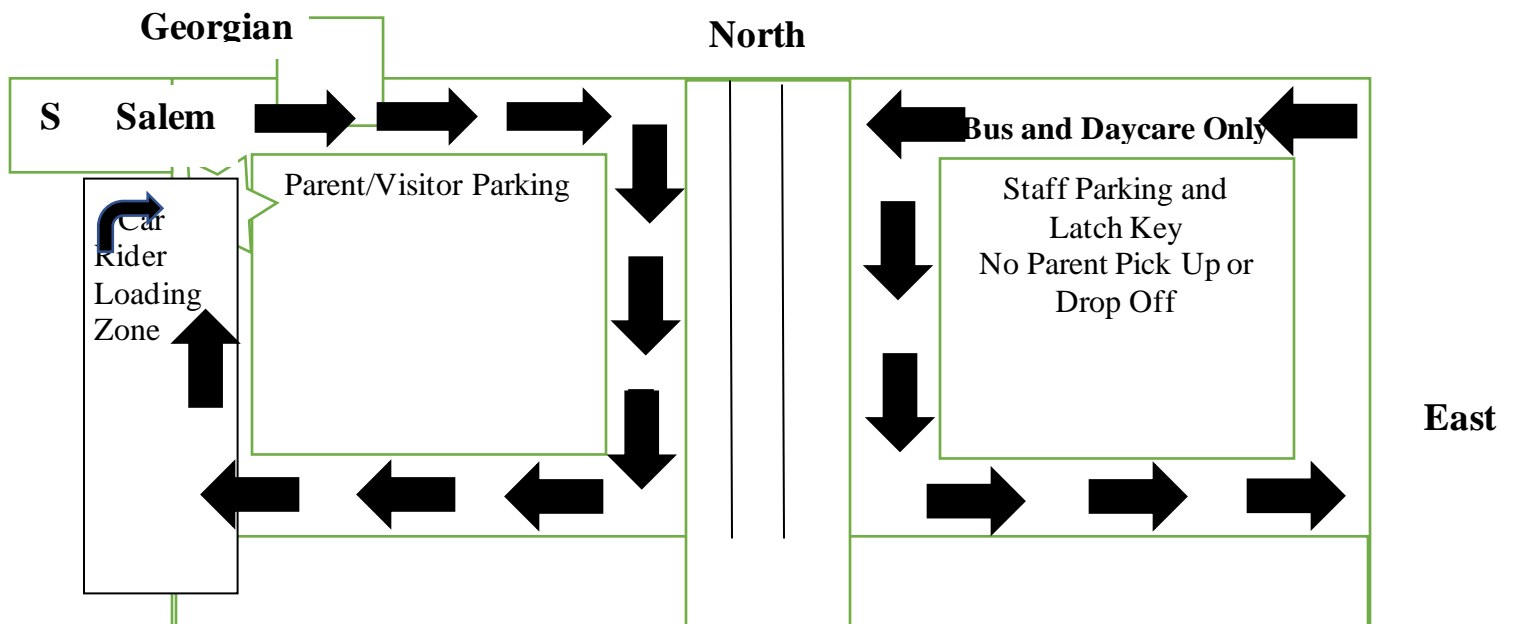
CCS Back-School-to Resource Fair-Saturday, August 20, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the campus of Fort Hayes High School <https://www.ccsch.us/Page/11460>

2022-2023 Georgian Heights Daily Schedule

08:15	Staff Arrival		
08:45	Students can enter building/Breakfast begins		
09:00	Breakfast Ends - School Begins		
09:05	Tardy Bell		
11:25-11:55	K/1 Lunch	11:55-12:25	K/1 Recess
12:00-12:30	2/3 Lunch	12:30-01:00	2/3 Recess
12:35-01:05	4/ 5 Lunch	01:05-01:35	4/5 Recess
3:25	Car Riders/Walkers Dismissal		
03:30	Dismissal Bell		

Georgian Heights Alternative Elementary School

Dismissal and Pick Up Diagram



Parking

Parent/Visitor parking is available on the West parking lot with access from Georgian or Salem Car Rider

South

- Any student being picked up and 1 Pick Up vehicle is considered a car rider.

West

School

Parking

Parent/Visitor parking is available on the West parking lot with access from Georgian or Salem Drives.

Car Rider

- Any student being picked up and leaving in a vehicle is considered a car rider.
- There is no parking (in the lot or along the curb) permitted for car rider students.
- All car riders will enter the West parking lot and follow along the curb. Please note the flow is REVERSED from the previous pick-up procedure.

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- All vehicles will have the student's name(s) displayed in their dashboard. Your student(s) will be called to come wait for dismissal as you approach the loading zone.
- One vehicle is permitted to load in the loading zone.
- Remain in your vehicle at all times.

Walker Pick Up Parents or siblings who walk to Georgian Heights to pick up their student(s) may wait at Cafeteria door (East side door). If necessary, please park your vehicle on Salem, Savannah, or Briggs Road on the East of Savannah Dr. to ease bus congestion.