

## Helpful Hints for the Start of the School Year

### Arrival

- The morning bell rings at **8:00 am**. It is very important for your child to be in school before the bell rings. Good attendance leads to good academics.

### Dismissal—2:50 p.m.

- **Buses—Philadelphia School District (Durham Transportation--Buses 3, 6 and Total Transportation--Buses 1, 2, 4,and 5) and Abington School District**  
Grades 1—3 assemble in the auditorium and board the buses from there.  
Grades 4—8 walk in line with a teacher and board the buses where they are parked.  
**No child may be taken from the auditorium without a parent seeing the teacher and signing the child out.**
- **Walking Lines**
  - Line 1**—Students will go through the school yard to Rhawn St. and cross at the light or turn left.
  - Line 2**—Students will go through the school yard to Rhawn St. and turn right toward the library.
  - Line 3**—Students will go through the gate on Stanwood Street and turn left toward Jeanes St..
  - Line 4**—Student in the K—5 building will walk around the addition to Stanwood St. and turn right.**At NO TIME is it permissible for a student to cross in the middle of the street.** Always go to the walkway for crossing. This is for everyone's safety.
- Students waiting for younger children are to wait at the end of the schoolyard on Rhawn St. or Stanwood St.

### Car Riders

- All students who are car riders are to go out in the line that is appropriate to get to his/her predetermined pickup location. **Parents, please do not block people's driveways or the Church driveways.**
- Parents and guardians are not permitted at any time to **double park** on Stanwood St. This is for everyone's safety. Please park next to the curb. This is our bus drop off in the morning. **No cars are permitted to come into the schoolyard for any reason at arrival or dismissal times.** Please **do not block** or use the Jeanes Street driveway to come into school. Teachers and staff only must use the driveway to get to their assigned parking spaces. Children are to use the Rhawn St. or Stanwood St. entrances to come into the schoolyard. They are **not to use** the Jeanes St. driveway. Adherence to these regulations keeps everyone safe.
- Please inform your child's teacher any time your child is not going home in the usual way. If they ride the bus and will be going by car or walking home, a note will be required. A note will also be required if they are changing a line to walk home.

### **Bike Riders**

- Students who ride a bike to school must walk the bike through the schoolyard to the bike rack. The student must have a lock for his/her bike. The school cannot be responsible for bikes that are not locked to the bike rack.

### **CARES**

- At the end of the school day, students going to CARES will wait in line by the Main Office for a CARES moderator who will take them to the cafeteria.

### **Lunch Schedule**

Pre-K and K	11:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon
Grades 1 and 2	11:45 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
Grades 6 and 7	12:10 p.m.—12:50 p.m.
Grades 3 and 4	12:30 p.m.—1:10 p.m.
Grades 5 and 8	12:50 p.m.—1:30 p.m.

Please pack a substantial snack for your child if he/she has a late lunch. Soft pretzels are sold every day at recess.

### **Uniform Exchange**

- **Gently used uniforms are available. Take what you need and give when you can.** Thank you to our parents who provide this wonderful service for our school community.

Girls' Uniforms—Please call Donna Kilpatrick at 215-620-1836

Boys' Uniforms—Please call Nicole Whalen at 215-307-9200

- Please note that the length of the girl's uniform should be **no shorter than one inch above** the knee.

### **Back-to-School Nights** (All meetings will begin in the auditorium.)

- **September 11 (Tues.)**      **Grade 1—6:30 p.m.**      **Grade 2—7:30 p.m.**
- **September 13 (Thurs.)**      **Grade 3—6:30 p.m.**      **Grade 4—7:30 p.m.**
- **September 18 (Tues.)**      **Grade 5—6:30 p.m.**      **Grade 6—7:30 p.m.**
- **September 20 (Thurs.)**      **Grade 7—6:30 p.m.**      **Grade 8—7:30 p.m.**

**We look forward to seeing you at these very important meetings.**