

August 9, 2020

Chase Street Parent Community,

First, let me say that we all hope each of you and your families are staying safe during these unprecedented times. Our teachers, custodians, cafeteria staff, and administrative staff have been working tirelessly preparing for the upcoming school year which begins virtually on Tuesday, September 8th. I know there has been quite a bit of uncertainty around how we will begin our year. I appreciate your patience and understanding, as each step of our return takes a lot of planning in order to execute in an appropriate manner. To remove as much uncertainty as I can, I will be sharing our 4 week pre-planning agenda that will let you know what we are doing at each turn. Our teachers and entire staff are ready to put your child first during this virtual learning period and beyond.

As you may know, teachers have been working virtually since July 27th. Beginning this week, **August 10th-14th**, they will be returning to the building to continue preparing for the upcoming virtual learning needs of your child(ren). Our front office is now staffed Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. to provide information and to answer your questions pertaining to enrollment, food distribution, and general inquiries. At this time, we are only allowing our staff to enter the school building. The school number is 706-543-1081.

We have scheduled three opportunities this week for devices (chromebooks and iPads with power cords) to be returned to Chase Street. Only return devices if your child is *not returning to CCSD* or *if the device needs to be repaired or swapped*. If you have a rising sixth grader, you do not return your devices to Chase Street.

Below is the schedule for returning devices this week.

- Wednesday 8/12 10:00am-12:00pm
- Wednesday 8/12 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Thursday 8/13 6:00pm-8:00pm

(Devices for new or returning Chase Street students will not be distributed this week. Dates for \students to receive devices will be shared in the near future.)

During the week of **August 17-21**, we will be sharing information with you about your child's grade level teaching team and details about the virtual teaching schedule for your child's learning. This will include the learning time frames for each grade. Also, you and your child will receive communication from a teacher that they will be assigned to for this virtual learning phase.

During the week of **August 24-28**, we will conduct a Virtual Open House event that will be held on various days and times that will include a virtual meet and greet for parents and students. In these virtual meetings, teachers will review the daily schedule, along with the academic expectations for virtual learning, and provide an opportunity for families to ask questions. We will stagger these meetings to allow time for you to attend multiple meetings if you have more than one child. Also during this week, we will conduct a Chase Town Hall Meeting to give you a chance to meet our administrative team and to answer your questions about our virtual learning plan.

Lastly, during the week of **August 31- September 4**, we will have multiple opportunities to attend a curbside Ice Cream Social with our Chase Street school family. We will also use this time to distribute materials that your child will need for the first weeks of school. You will receive a day and time, based on grade level and last name, to attend this very special socially-distanced event.

Again, be on the lookout for your first email communication from your child's teacher and the school supply lists for each grade. More information will be sent each week. Thank you, parents, for all of your support. I know that the school closure and delay of school has been difficult for all of us, and we are excited to work with you and your children in the coming weeks. Please know that we appreciate you and your support of Chase Street Elementary School. I am always available by email if you need me:  
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Have a great week!

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