NEW PRINCIPALS

Dr. Ashley Kennerly
Knox ES STEM Academy

Dr. Richie Carnes
Jennifer McIntosh
Woodstock MS

Carrie O’Bryant
Clayton ES

Mike Santoro
Woodstock MS

Todd Sharrock
ET Booth MS

Dr. Sue Zinkil
Creekview HS

CHECK the schedule for Open House/Meet n’ Greet dates and times and mark your calendar to attend! CCSD hired 210 new teachers this year, and seven schools have new principals!

CHECK the time if you drive your child to school. CCSD Elementary Schools have a 7:35 am start time for 2019-20.

CHECK the website of your child’s school for supply lists and other pertinent information.

CHECK your child’s lunch account online to see if you need to add funds for the coming school year. CHECK out the MealViewer app for information on nutrition and ingredients in CCSD meals.

High School freshmen will get to CHECK out the PSAT this year. If 11th graders would like to take the PSAT for National Merit consideration, they must register in advance.

CCSD is launching a new Social and Emotional Learning initiative to find ways to help students cope with emotional and mental health issues, and help more families find resources. Be sure to CHECK on your children’s emotional health just like you do their physical health.

CHECK and make sure you and your family have the apps you need to keep up with grades, transportation, meals and safety:

Canvas for Parents: check your child’s grades and assignments, communicate with the teacher within the District’s Learning Management System (LMS).

MealViewer: view menu options and information such as nutritional content and new this year, allergens.

MyStop: see when your child’s bus will arrive at the bus stop in the morning or afternoon, once the bus is within a 15-minute window, using this GPS-enabled app.

SafeSchools: students and parents can report tips to school district administration and school police about concerns, threats, or bullying.

Canvas for Students: students use the LMS to view assignments, turn in homework, and follow their grades.

CHECK and complete required first day forms online beginning July 24. Make sure the school has your most current contact information, including any phone or email changes by completing this process.

CHECK your child’s bus stop pick up and drop off times. The link will be updated July 26 with any new information. CCSD purchased 30 new school buses this year to replace older models and refresh the fleet!

CHECK out the 2019-20 calendar, which restores the dedicated February break. Students practiced digital learning days during 2018-19 so that instructional time won’t suffer if days are lost to inclement weather.

If you have a child taking AP classes this year, CHECK with them about the new timeline for exam registration. College Board is requesting a commitment in October this year, rather than February.

CHECK out the new Chief of Police for the CCSD School Police Department. Chief Buster Cushing brings more than 20 years of law enforcement experience to his role at the helm of the 20-member department.

CHECK to be sure you have signed up for text alerts from the school district via School Messenger. Text SUBSCRIBE, OPT IN, or YES to 68453.

CHECK out the 2019-20 Student Discipline Code and be sure your child knows the rules, including the stricter rules regarding possession of vape oils and vaping devices.

CHECK out new construction projects going on this year:

- Mill Creek MS classroom wing addition
- Agriculture science building at Creekview HS
- Woodstock MS classroom wing addition
- Woodstock HS auxiliary gymnasium

CHECK in with CCSD on social media to stay informed of news and events:

- Facebook: CherokeeGASchools
- Twitter: CherokeeSchools
- Instagram: cherokeegaschools
- YouTube: CherokeeGASchools
- LinkedIn: cherokee-county-schools
Academics

Parents can review academic standards by subject area and grade level for Georgia public schools at www.georgiastandards.org.

Each school has an individual School Improvement Plan approved annually by the School Board.

Each school has a School Council comprised of parents, teachers and community representatives that meets quarterly to review progress. Meetings are open to the public, dates are on each school’s website, as well as listed in our Open CCSD transparency site.

Technology

CCSD schools have a BYLD (Bring Your Learning Device) program that allows students to bring their web-enabled personal devices (smart phone, tablet, laptop) to the classroom to use for academic purposes.

All CCSD Students and their Families have free access to Microsoft Office 365 for installation on up to five personally owned devices at home which includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint and OneNote.

CCSD currently has 2,332 certified Microsoft Innovative Educators (MIE) among its teaching staff.

More information about CCSD technology is available here.

Academics + Technology

CANVAS is the CCSD’s learning management system (LMS). The Canvas LMS provides a seamless environment for students, teachers, and parents to access course content, assignments/assessments and grades, along with the integration of additional technology tools such as OneDrive and Office 365. This brief video highlights the system’s benefits.

New to CCSD? Information for creating a parent account can be found here on the CCSD website. Canvas parent accounts must be created on a desktop or laptop computer, but daily updates can be checked on a smartphone or using the blue CANVAS parent app.