

August 7, 2017

CCSD 89 families:

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year!

Last week, I had the pleasure of seeing many of our soon-to-be-kindergarten students walking into a Community Consolidated School District 89 building for the first time. They were eager, nervous, and curious, but they had no way of understanding the incredible educational journey they are about to begin.

At the same time, in my house, my oldest son is nearing the end of his K-12 education. We are working on college applications and long-term plans. It feels like he was in kindergarten a few weeks ago. Perhaps there is a scientist out there who can explain to me how time accelerates when your children are in school. I'm sure many families can relate.

During my sons' school years, the days were filled with PTA volunteering, driving to music and sports practices, running to conferences, and helping with homework. At the time, it felt hectic and occasionally overwhelming. Pretty soon, I will have two boys out of the house; I'll be wishing for those busy times again.

This year, I will be talking often about "whatever it takes". I am asking our staff and our students to raise expectations for what is possible. I am going to also ask the same of you. Find a way to do whatever it takes to claim those fleeting minutes with your kids. Have a talk during a car ride. Ask them about their day over dinner. Volunteer in their school. Tell them a story during a walk around the block.

In our classrooms, I know our staff will be also be treating every minute as a precious opportunity to teach, to learn, and to empower your young learners. Together, we will make this the best year yet in Community Consolidated School District 89.

Here are some important reminders for the school year:

First day of school: Wednesday, August 16

As a reminder, the 2017-2018 school year will start for all CCSD 89 students on Wednesday, August 16. The first day was moved up by three school days to align with the calendar change at Glenbard South High School.

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School day schedule

	School starts	School day ends
Preschool morning:	8:30 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
Preschool afternoon:	12:30 p.m.	3:10 p.m.
Elementary schools:	8:50 a.m.	3:35 p.m.
Glen Crest hours:	7:50 a.m.	2:35 p.m.
Specialized academic:	9:30 a.m.	2:40 p.m.

Back-to-school documents

Several important documents are on the CCSD 89 website, www.ccsd89.org, including:

Calendar

[2017-18 upcoming events](#)

[Printable 2017-18 calendar](#)

School supply lists

[Arbor View school supply list](#)

[Park View school supply list](#)

[Glen Crest school supply list](#)

[Briar Glen school supply list](#)

[Westfield school supply list](#)

[Preschool supply list](#)

District Handbook

[2017-18 CCSD 89 Student/Parent handbook](#)

Classroom, teacher information will be available this week

Today, the District mailed letters to the family of each elementary student. The letters include the name of your student's classroom teacher and their room number. The letter should be received within a few days. If you do not receive a letter by August 14, please contact your school for more information.

Middle school students can pick up their schedules on August 9 or August 10, depending on their grade level.

Sixth-grade students with last names that begin with A-L can pick up their schedules at Glen Crest Middle School from 9 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, August 9. Sixth-grade students with last names that begin with M-Z can pick up their schedules at Glen Crest from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 9.

Seventh-grade students can pick up their schedules at Glen Crest from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, August 10. Eighth-grade students can pick up their schedules at Glen Crest from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, August 10.

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Curriculum nights

Curriculum nights are a great chance for families to get to know the staff at your student's school. Curriculum Nights will be held on the following dates:

Arbor View: 6:30 – 8 p.m., Wednesday, September 6

Briar Glen: 6:30 – 8 p.m., Tuesday, August 29

Park View: 6:30 – 8 p.m., Thursday, September 7

Westfield: 6:30 – 8 p.m., Thursday, August 31

Glen Crest: 6:30 – 8 p.m. Thursday, August 24

Eighth grade PSAT information at 6:30 p.m.

7-9 p.m. all grades

All families invited to Pro-Kids show on August 23

All CCSD 89 families and students are also invited to a free Pro-Kids show at 6:30 p.m. August 23 at Glen Crest Middle School, 725 Sheehan Avenue, Glen Ellyn. Tim Hannig puts on the one-man show, which combines magic and comedy with messages about respecting others. He will present student-focused shows during the school day, then return for an entirely different one-hour family show in the evening.

More information about the Pro-Kids shows can be found [here](#).

Help students be ready on day one

As school returns, it is important for students to transition back into 'school mode'. Some tips for getting ready:

- Participate in back-to-school activities sponsored by the school and PTCs
- Walk your child through the safe routes to school
- Visit the bus stop locations and talk to your student about expectations on the bus
- Ensure your student understands the afterschool plans and pick-up procedures
- Establish a designated space for homework
- Talk with your child about any concerns or questions they have about the coming school year

Our staff is ready to help with any back-to-school questions you or your student might have.

Afterschool enrichment classes

The B.R. Ryall YMCA will again offer after-school enrichment programs at the four Community Consolidated School District 89 elementary schools. The 2017-2018 enrichment topics include: science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) activities; Spanish language classes; and karate. Basketball and chess will also be available at some CCSD 89 elementary schools.

Classes run from dismissal to 4:45 p.m. Some scholarships are available. Families can look for more information once school begins, or on the B.R. Ryall YMCA website: www.brriallymca.org.

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Upcoming events

August 16: First day of school for all CCSD 89 students
August 21: Board of Education meeting, 7 p.m.
August 23: Pro-Kids show at Glen Crest, 6:30 p.m.
August 28: Preschool screening at Arbor View
September 4: No school (Labor Day)
September 25: Board of Education meeting
September 27: Mid-term

Thank you for supporting learning for life in CCSD 89!

Sincerely,



Dr. Emily K. Tammaru
Superintendent

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