

July 2019

Dear Laurel Hill Families,

As the start of school approaches, I want to take this opportunity to welcome you all to Laurel Hill for what promises to be an amazing year. For those of you returning, welcome back. For those new to Laurel Hill, I want to welcome you to our wonderful family. As I have shared before, I love our school, community, and families and can truly say that I call Laurel Hill my home away from home. The relationships we have built over these past two years have helped our school maintain the high level of excellence it has always known. I have truly enjoyed developing relationships with you all and look forward to continuing to grow and foster those relationships this year. As promised each year, I will continue to work each and every day to make sure your children are successful and joyful with their experiences at Laurel Hill.



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As we all begin this school year, I want you all to know that I expect this year to be the best ever at Laurel Hill and want your families' experience to be nothing short of excellent. Our teachers have already started preparing to provide your children with amazing opportunities to grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Many have been engaged in professional development during the summer learning new ideas to bring to their classrooms while others have been actively seeking grants to expand the experiences currently available.

The purpose of this packet is to answer many commonly asked questions that you may have regarding our opening day procedures and the school in general. Please read through this information carefully as it addresses many areas including: arrival, dismissal, start times, bus riders, car riders, food policy, dress code, and important upcoming dates.

Our mission is to provide a safe and orderly opening day, as well as the best instructional environment for all of our children. This year parents of students in CD- 2nd grade will have the opportunity to walk their children to class through Friday, August 30th. Beginning on Tuesday, September 3rd, we ask that all students walk by themselves to their classrooms. We have many supports in place to help make sure that even our youngest learners get to class safely and quickly. We appreciate your support and know that with your cooperation, we will have a smooth transition. I look forward to working closely with each of you as we ensure that each child is provided a positive instructional environment that allows them to feel welcomed, important, and successful.

Our Meet the Teacher / Fact & Fee Day will be held on Tuesday, August 20th. Please feel free to bring school supplies to this event. At this event, teachers are excited about meeting their students and sharing some basic information for the first week of school. We have again coordinated with Pinckney Elementary, and on this day, families with children at both schools will be able to flow from one event to the next. If you have questions about any of the contents in this packet, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 843.849.2200.

I wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable remainder of the summer and am truly excited about seeing you in August.

Sincerely,

Ashley Dorsey
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Dear Loggerhead Students,

I am so excited you will be part of our Loggerhead Team! Let me first introduce myself, I am Ms. Dorsey, and I couldn't be happier to be here with you all this school year. I know you all are an awesome group of children, and I know this year is going to be the best yet!

To tell you a little bit about myself, I have a wonderful husband and two beautiful daughters, Madelyn (6 years old) and Blakeley (4 years old). Some of you are the same age as my oldest, and I am sure you all enjoy some of the same things that she does! I am a huge football fan and enjoy going to Clemson during the fall for all of the games. I also enjoy going to beach, riding on the boat, water skiing, snow skiing, and traveling.

This summer, I was able to take two vacations. I was able to go to Chicago to see The Rolling Stones in Soldier Field. I am also a huge Chicago Bears fan so this was a treat for me. I was also able to take a vacation to Key West with my husband and girls where we visited the aquarium, snorkeled, and a boat ride to explore the beautiful blue water. Have you all traveled this summer? If so, where did you go and what did you do? If you stayed here, how did you spend your time? I can't wait to see you all and hear about your summer adventures.

I know you are as excited about the start of school as I am. We have been busy making sure everything is ready for your first day back. The classrooms are cleaned and teachers have already started setting up their rooms so they will look amazing for your return.

Enjoy your last few weeks of summer and remember to keep reading! We are all looking forward to meeting you on Tuesday, August 20th.

Your Friend,

Ms. Dorsey
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

POSTING OF CLASS ROSTERS – TUESDAY, AUGUST 20TH – 12:30PM-2:00PM

The rosters for all classes will be posted in the main hallway of our school beginning at 12:30pm. You will also receive an email with your child's teacher listed by noon on the 20th.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT --MEET THE TEACHER / FACT&FEE DAY

Teachers will send out specific communication with all CD parents as to which day will be their designated Meet the Teacher Day.

Kindergarten through 2nd Grade -- MEET THE TEACHER / FACT&FEE DAY – TUESDAY, August 20TH

- Last names beginning with A-M from 12:30-1:15 & Last names beginning with N-Z from 1:15-2:00
- Things you can do at this event include visit the classroom and meet your child's teacher, learn about PWCEF, join the PTA, pick up car rider tags and pre-ordered school supplies
- Beginning July 1st, you were able to pay fees online. If you have not yet already paid your fees, you may do so by visiting laurelhillpta.revtrak.net. Fees must be paid online this year.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL – WEDNESDAY, August 21st

We will offer a staggered arrival for all children as follows (with the exception of bus riders):

Last names beginning with A-M will arrive between 7:00am-7:30am

N-Z will arrive between 7:30am-8:00am

If this adjustment presents a hardship in any way for you or your family, please arrive at the normal time. The bus pick-up times will be the same as any other school day. If your child will ride the bus on the first day of school, his/her arrival will NOT be staggered. Bus times and stops are available on the CCSD website, www.ccsdschools.com and in the Post & Courier prior to the start of school.

KINDERGARTEN PARENTS – BACK-TO-SCHOOL REFRESHMENTS

As you send your Kindergartener to school for the first time, please plan to join other kindergarten parents for refreshments (and possibly tears) from 7:15am-8:15am on 8/21 in our media center. Sponsored by PTA

OPEN HOUSE/PARENT ORIENTATION – SAVE THE DATE

This event will give you an opportunity to hear a presentation by your child's teacher about all of the exciting plans for the school year. This night is intended for adults only and we ask that, if possible, you make other arrangements for your children. Below, you will find the times for the classroom sessions with the teachers.

Kindergarten, AUGUST 22nd 6pm-7pm

First Grade, AUGUST 29th 5:30pm-6:00pm

Second Grade, AUGUST 29th 6:00pm-6:30pm

SCHOOL WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

Please take a minute to review our School Website (<https://laurelhill.ccsdschools.com/>) for the following information:

A Traffic Map

The Parent/Student Handbook & Important Policies

FAQ for Back to School Information

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