



## Principal Message for July 21, 2023

Greetings Carroll Families,

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year. I hope everyone has been enjoying the summer break. We are looking forward to the first day of school on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Students may enter the building at 7:00 am and should be here no later than 7:30 am. We look forward to a great year. Our theme for the year is *"Every student matters, every moment counts."*

### **OPEN HOUSE will be held on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

For 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and families—11:00 am- 12:00 pm

For 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and families—1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

During this time your child will receive their schedules, agendas, and tour their class locations. Students are encouraged to attend with their families. Schedules will not be released before Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Transportation-Carpool and Bus Information**

As you are probably aware, our transportation department continues to face a severe shortage of bus drivers. This shortage will cause delays in service during the upcoming school year. Sometimes, no bus will be available, and students will have to find alternative transportation to and from school.

**Families are encouraged to provide their own transportation this school year if they can do so.** If you would like to provide your own transportation this school year, please visit <https://www.wcpss.net/declinebus> and complete the form to decline bus service as soon as possible, preferably by Friday, July 21. This will be a tremendous help to our transportation staff as they work to manage the ongoing driver shortage.

**Carpool routing and procedures will be shared in a separate message in August.**

**BUSING-** please visit <https://www.wcpss.net/domain/30> to register for busing. Only eligible riders will be assigned a stop. You are encouraged to complete this soon to ensure your child has transportation on day one. Please note that routes change year-to-year. Please do not assume that your child will ride the same route at the same time. Please check the website to confirm the route and stop time for your child. All

busing information and routing information is done at the district office, not the school. If your child is an eligible rider and you need support getting your child assigned a bus, please reach out and we are happy to provide support.

We are encouraging all families to complete a **Free & Reduced Meal Benefit Application** at <https://www.wcpss.net/Page/1849>. The number of students who qualify determines our Title 1 funding year to year. You are encouraged to complete this prior to school starting to ensure your child receives this benefit on the first day of school.

Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders are required to have additional immunizations prior to the first day of school. **Required Immunization Information** can be found [here](#). You can scan and send all immunization records to Keia McCray, our data manager at [kmccray@wcpss.net](mailto:kmccray@wcpss.net). Please schedule an appointment now with your healthcare provider so that your child will not be excluded from attending school. Thank you for taking care of this now.

**Carroll Athletic Information** can be found [here](#). If your 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade child is interested in a Fall sport, they must have a completed registration in **Dragonfly**. They must also have an **uploaded current physical**. This is a state requirement to participate in athletics. This must be completed for tryouts as well. You are encouraged to complete this now and avoid any confusion prior to tryouts.

The **PTA Newsletter** can be found at <https://www.smores.com/1qcu5-cmms-pta-news>.

Carroll Magnet Middle School **Week at a Glance (WAG)** can be accessed [here](#). This will be updated weekly by each team.

Please visit our website [here](#) for information.

If you have an immediate need please contact me directly at [tzarzecki@wcpss.net](mailto:tzarzecki@wcpss.net).

Yours,

Tina Zarzecki  
Work Hard. Be Kind.

