

Jacobs School Blue Notes

August 25, 2023



A Note from the Principal

With tremendous enthusiasm and anticipation for the approaching year, I am thrilled to present the first edition of our weekly Blue Notes for the 2023-2024 school year. Here are the latest updates from the Jacobs School:

The summer months have seen an unprecedented level of activity at the Jacobs. While we are poised and ready to welcome students, there remain a few final touches on our to-do list. The classrooms have undergone a remarkable transformation, with fresh coats of paint adorning the walls, floors gleaming after waxing, cabinets restored, and essential furnishings upgraded. Innovations such as new whiteboards, smartboards, bulletin boards, and rugs have also been integrated into many spaces. The custodial staff's dedication to excellence is palpable throughout.

An especially notable development is the ongoing reorganization of our library. This renewal aims to enhance user experience and ensure that our resources remain current and accessible. As we prepare to open our doors for the upcoming academic year, meticulous planning, procedural refinement, and schedule structuring have been a significant focus. These efforts are designed to establish a firm foundation for a successful start to the year, particularly with the addition of our 6th grade students.

Regrettably, the installation of our new recess equipment has encountered a minor delay. We remain optimistic that these installations will be finalized in the ensuing weeks, bringing added excitement to the opening of school.

Returning to familiar routines, our school will resume its pre-pandemic arrival and dismissal procedures and schedules. It is important to note that ALL Car Riders will now use the Main Office Zone for drop-off and pick-up. The Gym Zone for Car Riders will no longer be operational. Doors will open promptly at 8:25 AM, and students arriving after 8:35 AM will be marked tardy. Dismissal will commence at 3:15 PM, with Car Riders being released from the Office Zone. For further details, please refer to the Arrival and Dismissal Procedures found [here](#).

With the start of the new year, I always recommend families read through our Student-Parent Handbook to familiarize themselves with all school policies. It can be found online [at this link](#). The signature pages located at the handbook's conclusion will be sent home on the first day of school for both parents/guardians and students to sign, solidifying mutual commitment to a successful academic year.

Additionally, please note that Before and After School Care will initiate on August 30 for grades 1-6, September 5 for kindergarten, and September 11 for preschool students. The childcare registration form is attached, along with the AM Bus Routes and supplemental information. Should you have any inquiries, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email.

I am genuinely thrilled for the journey that lies ahead and sincerely look forward to working together to ensure a nurturing environment of growth, learning, and shared success. Your support is truly invaluable.

—Mr. Shaw

Mark Your Calendar!

Aug 28-29—Teachers Report to School

Aug 30—First Day of School, Grades 1-6, 8:25-3:15

Aug 30—Kindergarteners Meet Their Teachers!

Aug 31—Kindergarten's First Half Day, 8:25-11:35

Sep 1—Vacation Day, No School

Sep 4—Labor Day, No School

Sep 5—Kindergarten's First Full Day, 8:25-3:15

Sep 8—Spirit Day/Assembly

Sep 11—Preschool First Day

Sep 13—School Picture Day

Sep 13—Open House 6-8pm

Sep 27—12:15 Dismissal