Louis Agassiz Parent Newsletter

08.28.2020



Principal's Message:

Dear Louis Agassiz Families,

I hope that each of you and your scholars are enjoying the rest of summer, and are all safe and healthy. I want you to know that our entire staff is working hard to prepare a high quality remote learning environment for your children. We understand that this environment is a big change, and that there will most definitely be some learning challenges *for all of us*. We are in this together, and are learning with you.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything that I can do to support your children or family. The following are some important updates and some upcoming events to add to your calendar. Thank you for your continued patience, as we begin to share information and navigate our remote learning environment. I am very proud of the hard work all of our Agassiz team members are doing to prepare for you on the first day of school, September 8th. I know they are very excited to start teaching and learning again with the BEST scholars in CMSD!

I am looking forward to seeing you very soon! Sincerely,

Angie Boie - Principal angela.boie@clevelandmetroschools.org



Be sure to check out our school website for updated information.



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New Staff

We are very excited to announce some new staff members this year that are joining the Louis Agassiz Team:

Dean of Engagement - Christina Cloud
Say Yes Family Support Specialist - Mr. Eric Harper
Paraprofessional - Amber Harris
Middle School Math - Mr. David Kelley



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1. Family Care Plan Survey

Within the next week you should expect a phone call from one of our staff members. They will be reaching out to determine technology needs, inform you about daily meal program, and to see if you have any child supervision needs. This is a short survey, and we greatly appreciate your participation as this will assist in getting every family what they need to make this a successful school year.

2. Back to School Parent Meetings

We will host 2 virtual Back to School Parent Meetings on **Thursday, September 3**. One will be at 12:00 PM and the other at 6:00 PM. We will record the meetings and share via email and on our website for those who are not able to attend live.

12:00 Meeting Zoom Meeting Information

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89125182239?pwd=L1ZyNEFVdmJZLzdnUWtLa3Qxc2VIQT09

Meeting ID: 891 2518 2239

Passcode: Pc9YMW

6:00 PM Zoom Meeting Information

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85864114205?pwd=RzRpNkNHZ1BvWDhrY2dZUzQ2UGhPZz09

Meeting ID: 858 6411 4205

Passcode: 90NDyW

3. Tech Distribution

- We are tentatively scheduled to have our technology delivered next week, 08.31-09.04.
- We will be distributing one device per student.
- Those scholars who were issued devices in the Spring will not be issued another device. However, if there are multiple scholars in one family, those who did not receive one in the Spring will be issued one.

Please check in on our website and Facebook for tech distribution updates. We will also send phone messages and emails once we have additional details.

4. School Lunch @ Louis Agassiz.

School lunches and breakfast will be distributed every MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, & FRIDAY from 10:30 - 2:00 at Louis Agassiz.

- · These will be grab and go style
- Food for Wednesday will be given on Tuesday
- You may opt to do one pick up for your family for the week, each TUESDAY
- Food service will begin Sept.8th

5. Enrollment & Registration

- · We are currently enrolling for all grades including PreK
- PreK enrollment documents can be found here: https://www.clevelandmetroschools.org/Page/16662
- K-8 Registration information can be found here:https://www.clevelandmetroschools.org/site/default.aspx?DomainID=168
- Documentation for enrollment can be submitted electronically via email or by appointment only each Friday. Please call the office at 216-838-6450 to schedule an appt.

6. Remote Learning Schedule

- School hours for students in all CMSD schools are 8:30 AM 3:00 PM.
- In the next week, teachers will be contacting you to share their individual classroom parent meetings information, and daily student schedule.
- Expect students to spend a portion of their day "live" online with their teachers, and a portion doing independent work and activities.
- We will be using a Learning Management System called Schoology. More information will be forthcoming on how to access this learning platform.





From our school community to yours, here are 5 tips for parents who have children participating in distance learning.

1 - Help your child establish and stick to a routine.

Even though school has gone to an online learning format, treat school days just like you would if your child was attending school as usual. This includes having them get up at the same time everyday, get properly dressed, and eat a healthy breakfast.

2 - Check in with your child's teachers.

Teachers and advisors are usually more than willing to connect with parents via email or phone after school hours. Check in if your child is having difficulty managing the online learning platform or

staying on task. Be on the lookout for any communications from teachers indicating that they are having trouble connecting with your child during this time.

3 - Encourage physical activity and exercise.

Your child will be sitting in front of their computer for long stretches of time. Encourage them to use the breaks in the day to stretch, walk the dog, or do jumping jacks — any movement helps!

4 - Resist the urge to sit in on classes with your child.

While it may certainly be tempting to "pop in" on your child's classes, please respect their privacy and that of other students. Connect with faculty and staff through email or other communication channels before or after school hours.

5 - Take care of you.

