

Crisafulli School News

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In a short few weeks, we will be back at JAC as a full school community! There have been many happy moments of the level of excitement that comes with a new school year, shiny classroom floors, staff setting up classrooms, brainstorming new bulletin boards and looking forward to welcoming back our staff, students and families. We are looking forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces as they arrive on the first day of school. We are also looking forward to making the 2022-2023 school year a terrific one! The first day of school is an opportunity for a fresh start, a chance to reconnect with classmates, make new friends, and create goals for our new year together.

Our staff have been happily working to build communities within their learning spaces. There is positive energy pulsing throughout our building as the first day of school approaches. You can feel the excitement in the air. A year of new learning experiences awaits each one of us.

As a staff, we will begin the year by sharing our "goals" and will share them with the students of JAC. We would ask that prior to the first day of school, you engage your student in a similar conversation. What are their hopes, dreams, and goals for the new school year? What are areas to grow? Where do you shine? In the words of Walt Disney, "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them."

As we begin our new school year together, we want you to know that our goal is to continually strive to be a better school each and every year. We will continue to work to build and maintain a culture within our school that is safe and welcoming for all by following the WPS Elementary Core Values, "SPIRIT" - (Safety, Perseverance, Inclusion, Respect, Integrity, and Teamwork).

We look forward to sharing the first day of school with our staff and students, and sharing happy moments throughout the 2022-2023 school year. Please see an update below and we will be sending additional updates as the school year approaches.

Warm Regards,
Ms. Kennelly and Mrs. Hutchinson

Important Dates

Date	Event
August 23, 2022	Click here for Classroom Visit Information
August 29, 2022	Teachers Return
August 30, 2022	Professional Development - WPS Staff
August 31, 2022	Grades 1- 12 Classes Begin
September 5, 2022	No School - Labor Day
September 6, 2022	No School - State Primary Election Day
September 15, 2022	Back to School Night <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 5 - 6:00 - 6:25 PM• Grade 3 - 6:30 - 6:55 PM• Grade 4 - 7:00 - 7:25 PM• 6:00 - 7:15 PM - Self-Guided Building Tour/IA Areas
October 25, 2022	Picture Day
December 6, 2022	Picture Retake Day

Early Arrival Information 2022-2023

For a fee of **\$500** per child, per year, a K-5 student may be dropped off at the Elementary Schools before school between the following times:

Grades K-2 (Nab, Miller, Robinson)	7:00 AM – 8:30 AM
Grade 3-5 (Abbot, Day, Crisafulli)	7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

This is a morning arrangement only. All students will be dismissed in the afternoon at the normal dismissal time. **There is no early drop-off on school delays or snow days.** Click [Here](#) for more information and registration.

PowerSchool and Placement 2022 - 2023 - Portal Opens August 16, 2022

Westford Public Schools is moving to a new Student Information System for the 2022-2023 school year. The new system is **PowerSchool**. This means that all parents/guardians will log into the PowerSchool *Parent/Guardian* Portal this year and **NOT iPass**.

More information regarding the transition to PowerSchool and classroom placement will be shared on August 15, 2022.

Many Thanks

Our Custodial staff deserve a huge **THANK YOU** for their hard work over the summer to get Crisafulli ready for Opening Day. Many thanks go out to Mr. Bennett, Mr. McMahon, and Mr. Morton!

New Families to Westford Public Schools Information Night

Families who are new to the Westford Public Schools are invited to attend the New Family Information Night which will be held on Tuesday, August 23rd from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Blanchard Middle School. This event will provide attendees with an overview of important school information as well as an opportunity to get their questions answered in advance of the start of school. If you know of a family moving in this summer, please share this with them. Click [this link](#) for more information.

School Lunch Program

Click [here](#) for more information regarding the School Lunch Program. Please note, that all school meals will remain free to all students for the 2022-2023 school year. Food Services Website - Click [Here](#).

Free and Reduced Lunch - An approved application may qualify your children for additional assistance with bus passes, kindergarten tuition, before and after school care and activity fees. The application can be found [Here](#)

Arrival/Dismissal

Your child's safety is our primary concern. Your cooperation and support with the following procedures are greatly appreciated:

- Students will begin to exit buses and cars at 8:15 AM when supervision is available.
- Buses will use the driveway at the front of the building for arrival and dismissal.
- All students who ride the bus must have a bus pass. Students may only ride the bus to which they are assigned. Exceptions will only be made in an emergency.

Car Drop-Off/Pick-Up: For families who are new to Crisafulli, our drop-off/pick-up procedures are different from the Robinson School. Our drop-off zone is located behind the building. Follow the driveway to the right of the building, to bring you behind the school. Students may exit the vehicle once the vehicle has come to a stop between the two cones in the drop-off/pick-up area. Please do not wait for an adult to approach your car.

In the afternoon, your child will come to your car. Please do not get out of your car to retrieve your child. This will ensure we have a smooth-flowing traffic pattern. To protect the safety of all children, it is imperative that cars stay in a **single-file line** when dropping off or picking up students. Even if your child is already in the car, you **may not** pass other cars as children enter/exit cars from both sides. Your Vehicle Identification Card **must be** displayed on the driver's side window or driver's side dashboard for AM drop-off and PM pick-up. **If you are in need of a new Vehicle Identification Card, please contact the school office.**

Please remember the speed limit at Crisafulli is 15 MPH.

Due to the large volume of cars that arrive each day for afternoon pick-up, please follow the traffic pattern to the right of the school. Many thanks to our staff for directing traffic to keep the flow of cars moving while allowing the buses to enter the front circle. Thank you for your patience as we work to acclimate our new families to our procedures.

PTO Opening

As we look forward to the first day of school we are still searching for Crisafulli PTO volunteers. Please contact the PTO at crisafulliPTO.Westford@gmail.com.

Important Information to Know

Much of the information you need to know can be found on the Westford Public Schools website: <https://www.westfordk12.us/>, and also on the Crisafulli School website: <https://www.westfordk12.us/cs>

Bus Passes

BUS PASSED ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS RIDING THE BUS.

All students who plan to ride the bus during any point of the school year are required to register for a bus pass. Parents must register all children who plan to ride the bus, whether they qualify for fee-based transportation or not. All registrations for bus transportation will require online registration. Please visit: <https://www.westfordk12.us/district/transportation> to determine cost and to register.

Email Notifications

When you register your child for school, your email address does NOT automatically go into the JAC or WPS email database. Please visit: <https://www.westfordk12.us/subscribe> and sign up for any applicable schools, as well as Westford Public Schools notifications.

District Calendar

You may find the school calendar here:

<https://www.westfordk12.us/district/about-wps/pages/calendar>

Student Absences - It is important for us to know if your child is going to be absent from school. Call 978-392-4483 by 9:30 AM to leave a message.

Principal Aide Substitutes - If you are interested in being a Principal Aide Substitute, please contact Mrs. Dulong at adulong@westfordk12.us

Inclement Weather - School Cancellations/Delays

If Westford Public Schools cancels or delays school, there are multiple places to find this information. You may visit: <https://www.westfordk12.us/> and local news stations (Fox 25, CBS, NBC, etc.) or their websites. In addition, you will receive an email and a phone call the morning of from an automated system alerting you of the delay/cancellation. Please note that the number called, and email address used, will be the first number/email address listed in your child's iPass account. To change this information, please call the office to ensure the correct phone number and email address are being used.