



Clinton Township School District

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Dear Parents and Clinton Township Community,

It seems like we just held our eighth grade graduation and suddenly the start of the 2019-2020 school year is just around the corner. I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer and the opportunity to spend time with their family. While our students were away from school enjoying camps, swimming, playing sports and spending time with family and friends, the Clinton Township School District has been busy preparing for the new school year. I would like to take this time to thank our administrative team, secretaries, maintenance workers, custodians and district office staff for working so hard during the summer months to prepare our district for the 2019-2020 school year.

I thought that it would be helpful to give you an update on all of the activities that took place within our district during the summer, and also provide you with some very important upcoming events during August and September.

District Preparation

Facility Projects and Renovations

Facility projects and upgrades have taken place at both the Round Valley and Patrick McGaheeran Schools. At Round Valley School, flooring projects in Grade 3 classrooms were completed that included replacing carpet with tile. The floor in the art room has also been replaced with new tile. Major restroom renovations and HVAC installation and clean up are near completion at Patrick McGaheeran School.

Buildings have been cleaned and organized.

Security

We made some significant security improvements to each of our buildings. For safety purposes, we are not permitted to provide any details to these enhancements.

District Technology

The district's technology department has maintained and updated our student's Chromebooks. They have renewed and purchased educational applications for use during the 2019-2020 school year.

Curriculum Work

The district's Curriculum Chairs, teachers and administrators have worked throughout the summer to make positive, ongoing improvements to the district's curriculum.

Summer Hiring

During this summer, we had some attrition with retirements and those moving on to new opportunities as the primary reason for people deciding not to return. We had two vice principals leave to become principals in other school districts, and the remaining were teacher retirements and those who took jobs closer to home. The entire district wishes them all well in their new positions.

All of our teaching assistants were offered their positions for the new academic year, and all but one accepted. Our teaching assistant staff is back in full force.

For the 2019-2020 school year, we will welcome new staff to our schools. They are eager to meet our students and families on Visitation Day.

Teachers Return to District

Teachers will be returning on August 27th and 28th for professional development, classroom preparation and collaborative conversations with their colleagues in preparation for the school year.

Teacher Assignments

Welcome Back letters will be e-mailed to parents by the end of this week. In those letters, there will be a link to the Parent Portal for parents to access their child's placement.

Visitation Day

On August 29th, the district will open its doors to our children and parents for our annual Visitation Day. Students and their parents can meet their classroom teacher(s), walk through the school building and their individual classroom at that time. Below is the visitation schedule.

August 29 Visitation Schedule

School	Date
Spruce Run School	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
Patrick McGaheeran School	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Round Valley School	12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
Clinton Township Middle School	11:30 pm - 12:30 pm

Maschio's Food Service

Maschio's Food Service will be on hand during Visitation Day to introduce new food selections to students and their families, and to discuss with parents how they may be of assistance with their child's dietary needs.

First Day of School

Our district is eager to open our doors and welcome all of our students back on the first day of school, which is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

Transportation

Bus schedules were distributed to our families via e-mail on August 9, 2019. This information can also be found on the district's Parent Portal. Final routes will be released on August 27th via email to all district families. If you have not received information on your child's bus pick-up and drop-off times please contact, Carmella Shaw, Business Office Coordinator, at: cshaw@ctsdnj.org.

Please have your child at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to pick-up time for the first couple of weeks of school. Please keep in mind, that the first few weeks of school do not run exactly to schedule as we all adjust to the routines. Any significant delays in bus times will be sent out via School Messenger alerts. [General information](#) that had been previously emailed to parents, is on the district website.

School Website Address

For those that are new to the Clinton Township School District, we have a district website that will provide you with information on our schools. Our website can be found at: www.ctsdnj.org.

Back-to-School Nights

The district will hold its annual Back-to-School Nights on the following dates:

School	Date	Grade(s)
Spruce Run School	September 19 th	Pre-kindergarten
Patrick McGaheran School	September 9 th	Grades K, 1 & 2
Round Valley School	September 10 th	Grades 3, 4 & 5
Clinton Township Middle School	September 12 th September 16 th	Grade 6 Grades 7 & 8

Coffee with Superintendent

Dates will be forthcoming to join me for coffee and conversation.

We look forward to seeing the students and their parents on Visitation Day and our entire staff is excited to open our doors and welcome our students back for the 2019-2020 school year! If you should have any questions about the school year, please do not hesitate to contact me at – mcone@ctsdnj.org.

Enjoy the last few days of summer!

Sincerely,

Dr. Michele Cone

Superintendent