



OSPREY NEWS

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Dear MBS Families,

We are so excited to have students back in the building as the school year begins on Wednesday! Here are a few updates as the school year begins:

As Superintendent Minor shared in the [21-22 school year guide](#), masks are still required for all students in the Colchester School District. Teachers will take time during the first days of school to reteach expectations about masks as classes return. Students will also still have an outside recess and be able to take their masks off during meal times.

All school supplies will be provided for students. Also, we have plenty of headphones for students at school, but your child may prefer to bring their own headphones.

We can't wait for the moment that parents, caregivers, and volunteers can come into the building. But for now, in order to keep everyone safe during the first day of school, we have specific arrival and dismissal routines while we have limited access to the building. The map below shows the loop that you should make during arrival and dismissal times. Page 2 of this newsletter also has specific information about arrival and dismissal.



Here is some general information for arrival and dismissal times:

- **While you are waiting to pick up your child, please be courteous, drive slowly and remain aware of other drivers.** We will get traffic moving as quickly and safely as possible.
- **School begins at 8:30, but students may begin arriving as early as 8:15.** When your child arrives, there will be many adults ready to greet them and enter the building.
- During arrival, there will be buses and cars in the bus loop. **Buses will stay to the left and cars will stay to the right. MBS staff will help guide traffic along.**
- **Please make sure that your child enters and exits your vehicle from the right side.** This is safer for everyone and helps the arrival and dismissal lines move efficiently.
- If you drive your student to school, please pull all the way forward to the CMS basketball courts, and make sure that your child is ready to exit your vehicle. This will help traffic flow more efficiently.
- We begin our dismissal process at 3:00 and anticipate having a rush of traffic in between 3:00 and 3:10. **If you are able to, please feel free to come between 3:10 and 3:20 when there is less vehicle traffic.** This will help us with the high volume of traffic in the parking lot and bus loop.
- **If you are picking your child up during dismissal time they will be waiting for you by the CMS basketball courts.** We will have a staff member greet you as you pull through the loop so that we can have your child ready and waiting for you.
- Please be patient with everyone the first weeks of school. **We are all getting back into the routine of school and anticipate our arrival and dismissal routines will take some time at first.**
- Our first day of preschool is Monday, August 30, 2021. **The front parking area is reserved for preschool families.** If you are a preschool family, please park in this area and use the crosswalk to walk you and your child to your preschool teacher.

Respectfully,

Ms. Burke