

Cornerstone High School 7525 West Campus Rd. New Albany, OH 43054 PH: 614-948-0560

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Welcome to the Pack!

We hope your summer is off to a good start and is providing some much-needed time with family and friends. The admin team wanted to reach out to give you some exciting news about the coming 2023-2024 academic year.

Cornerstone High School is entering its sixth year and we are continuing to grow! Last year, we successfully moved into our newly remodeled facility and enjoyed the long-awaited space to stretch our legs. Our first day of school is scheduled for **Wednesday**, **August 16**th. Classes begin promptly at **7:45am** and students are expected to be *in* class at that time. The school day ends at **3:15pm** each day, however; our dismissal procedures begin at 3:00pm.

Recent updates and reminders that you need to know:

- 1. We are currently developing the remaining 12,000 square feet of the building into a larger gym and music space. We are also developing four new classrooms to house 7th graders within our walls. All construction is progressing on schedule at this time. We will keep you updated if delays occur.
- 2. The dress code and dress down days for the 7-12th grade campus are handled slightly different from that of the K-6th grade campus. Dress down days are earned through academic and behavioral success. Students that earn this privilege are presented with a dress down token that they can decide when to redeem. Some dress down days will be school-wide and announced through an email.
- 3. *The Student/Parent Handbook was updated last year.* Please view page 39 for an explanation of our Positive Behavior Supports methods, and page 50 to view the Anti-Bullying/Intimidation/Harassment policy.
- 4. Arrival and Dismissal procedures for this campus are very structured for safety. Be sure to study and practice the arrival/dismissal procedures outlined in the site map **before** the first day of school. This preparation will help to prevent delays to the school day, and to you getting to work or back home.

All of these updates and other useful information can be found on the Cornerstone Academy website at <u>www.cornerstoneacad.org</u>.

Transportation services are always an important concern for our families. Services are only available for those families residing in the Columbus City or Westerville City school districts. You may visit our school website at http://cornerstoneacad.org/resources/ and click on Transportation for **instructions** to apply. For those of you outside of these districts, please feel free to reach out to other CHS families via our Cornerstone Academy Facebook page to arrange possible carpooling opportunities.

Residents of **Columbus City Schools** requiring bus service may visit CCS Transportation's webpage to sign up at <u>https://www.ccsoh.us/transportation.aspx</u>. Columbus City Schools Transportation requires at least 14 days to process all transportation applications and each student MUST be registered separately. You must be registered by **June 30th** to guarantee bus services for the beginning of the school year. If you have a change of address, please contact the school office to report your new address and provide new proof of residency. These must be submitted through the school office. *PLEASE NOTE: All students in grade 7 moving from Cornerstone's main campus to the high school MUST re-register for transportation.* Service will not roll over from the previous year as you are changing school buildings.

Westerville City Schools residents requiring bus service must enroll online as soon as possible to ensure transportation for your student. Please visit the WCS site at to enroll at https://www.westerville.k12.oh.us/our-district/enroll-your-child for transportation services. Directions to apply are found here: https://www.westerville.k12.oh.us/our-district/enroll-your-child for transportation services. Directions to apply are found here: https://www.westerville.k12.oh.us/fs/resource-manager/view/33058b5c-5b78-4f7e-b4c4-574ff7ec927f . ALL Westerville families requiring transportation services must register each year as services do not roll over from the previous year.

Our teachers hold multiple degrees and are experienced in their areas of study. Several have taught at a collegiate level and are eager to help guide your student on their career path. We continue to partner with Inspire Education to provide one-on-one college and career planning counseling for our upper classmen. We are pleased to continue our partnership with Serenity Behavioral Health Services, Inc. to offer opportunities for social-emotional growth and support for our students and staff.

We are so excited to see you all in August at our completed facility! Please call (614) 948-0560 with questions.

CHS Administrative Team

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