



CES Students are Respectful, Responsible and Safe!

Welcome Back to School!

The new year has begun and everyone is excited! We have a new theme this year: *Reach For The Stars!* We are constantly working on ways to make our theme fit with what we do at CES, so be on the lookout for new theme-oriented ideas that may pop up.

The Outlook is a weekly publication from CES that details many of the important items and dates for the school year. A new issue will come home with your student each week. Be sure to check it out to find out what is happening at CES.

Web Page Info

All of the information you need is available on our website. Browse to www.concordia.k12.mo.us and click on the CES tab. If there is some information that you would like to see on the website, just send [Mr. Beydler](mailto:Mr.Beydler) an email and we will see what we can do.

Home Portal Available

Technology provides us with great tools to help our students. One of those tools is [Home Portal](#). The Home Portal allows parents access to their students' grade, attendance and discipline information via the internet. For those of you that have had access in the past, your username and password have not changed. If you would like access or need other assistance, simply contact [Mr. Beydler](mailto:Mr.Beydler) via email.

Parent Portal has a new look and a few new features. Be sure to familiarize yourself with the new additions.

Student Handbook

In each copy of the student agenda, is the CES Student Handbook. Please take the time to review the handbook and become familiar with the contents. There aren't many changes from last year. Please sign the note that says you have read the agenda and send it back to school as soon as possible.

Reminders

Wednesday, August 15	School Begins
	5 th & 6 th Grade Parent Night-7 pm
Thursday, August 16	3 rd Grade Parent Night-6 pm
Wednesday, August 22	Picture Day
Wednesday, August 29	1:45 Dismissal
	Parent Support Group Camp IN-6:30 pm
Monday, September 3	No School-Labor Day
Friday, September 7	11:40 Dismissal
Wednesday, September 12	1:45 Dismissal

Construction Update

There are many construction projects that are going on in and around our building. If you have driven by or visited lately, you can't help but notice the equipment and supplies.

- The roof project is nearing completion. It will be two or three more weeks and the roof will be replaced.
- We are having a bit of work done on our walls, doors and windows. That work should also continue for about two or three weeks.
- Ten of our 19 rooftop heater/air conditioners were replaced and are working well.
- We will begin the replacement of outdated light fixtures in the classrooms and hallways soon. This work will be done on weekends and at night.
- We have new security cameras throughout our building. That system was activated yesterday.
- We now have a locking mechanism on our front door. See the article on page two for information.
- Our new playground project should begin in September. While it is being renovated, the playground will be unavailable for use.
- We are also adding some awnings to several of our entrances. Construction on those should begin in late September.

We will do our best to let you know of any changes that will occur due to these projects. The folks working on them have been great to work with and will be as flexible as we need them to get the job done while keeping our students' safety at the top of their lists.

Communicating with Us

One of the best tools for home and school communication is the student agenda. Each student has their own copy of the agenda. Parents should check out the agenda each day and sign signifying so. If you have a question for the teacher, this is a great way to ask.

Another way to communicate with us is through email. Email addresses for staff members are available through our web page. After you browse to the [CES](#) page, click on [CES Staff](#).

You are more than welcome to call CES with your questions. Although teachers cannot take calls while in class, we will take a message and see that it is delivered.

Student Drop-off and Pick-up

Most of our students ride the bus to school, but for those that arrive in a car, please arrive at the front door no earlier than 7:45 am. Breakfast begins at that time. Students who do not have school breakfast, may arrive no later than 8:05 am. Remember, there is no parking in the driveway from 7:45 am until 8:30 am and from 3:00 pm until 3:30 pm. This keeps the flow of traffic moving and keeps the area safe for students.

When picking up your student, please enter the driveway and join the line. We will begin loading the car riders after the 3:15 bell on the East end of the building. Please be patient during the first few dismissals. It always runs a little slow for a few days.

New Front Door Policy

One of the new construction projects at CES this summer is the addition of a security mechanism at our front door. All of the other doors have been locked in the past during the day. Now, the front door will be, too. You are still welcome to visit our school as in the past, but now, there is another step involved. At our front door, you will be greeted by a security camera and an intercom. To gain entry, just push the button and talk to Mrs. Paterson. She can unlock the door remotely. This may be quite a hassle for some, but it is an upgrade in security. We have not had any problems in the past with intruders but we want to be prepared for whatever happens. It will take us a while to get used to the new system. We ask for your patience as we get adjusted.

School Photos Are Wednesday, August 22

On Wednesday, August 22, the Lifetouch company will be here to photograph students. By now, you should have received information on photo packages. While no family is required to purchase a package, all students will be photographed for the yearbook and photo rosters. Students should have the photo information that you have filled out and money for their photos on Wednesday. Please make checks payable to Lifetouch. Photos should arrive in about two weeks. A retake day will be announced soon. If you would like to learn more about the portrait program that Lifetouch is offering, please visit www.schoolportraits.lifetouch.com/students. You will find information on clothing selections, online payment options and more.

Title I & Special Education Support Group to Meet

Parents of students who are served by our Title I or Special Education teachers are invited to a meeting on Wednesday, August 29 at 6:30 pm in the CES Cafeteria. Look for more information in next week's Outlook. If you have questions, please contact George Vandiver, Director of Special Services at (660) 463-2246 or at gvandiver@concordia.k12.mo.us.

PTO To Meet Thursday, August 23

One of the best ways for parents to become involved in our school is to join the Parent Teacher Organization. This group seeks to make our school a better place with physical and financial support. The PTO has provided numerous items for our school including playground equipment, audio/video equipment, clocks, pencil sharpeners, classroom supplies and much more.

The first meeting of the PTO will be Thursday, August 23 at 7:00 pm in the Library. At the meeting, we will discuss fall fundraisers, organize committees and begin to plan the year's activities.

All CES parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.