



Oriole Outlook

Are You Ready for the Best Year Yet?

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Orioles are Respectful, Responsible and Safe!

Welcome Back To School!

Wow! Summer went by so quickly! It is hard to believe that it is time for school to start again. We welcome our students and families back for another great school year at CES.

This publication is the CES Outlook. It is a weekly newsletter, email and web publication of Concordia Elementary School. It is a valuable source of information for parents and families of CES. 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.

Student/Parent 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 are only a few changes from last year, so check it out—especially the dress code. Please sign the page that says you have read the agenda and send it back to school as soon as possible.

School Start Time/End Time

Each day, we welcome students to enter CES beginning at 7:45 am. Breakfast begins at that time. All walkers, bike riders, and car riders may enter through the front doors. Only bus riders enter through the northwest doors. School begins at 8:10 am.

Dismissal begins at 3:15 pm. Bus riders will be dismissed out the west end of the building and car riders will be dismissed through the east doors. Parents driving to pick up their students should join the line that begins heading west on 4th street and runs through our front driveway into the east parking lot. Walkers will be dismissed after all of the busses and cars have cleared the parking lot.

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](#) via email.

Reminders

Wednesday, August 24	Board of Education-7 pm
Friday, August 26	Oriole Strong Celebration-Noon
Monday, August 29	Lifetouch Photo Day
Wednesday, August 31	1:45 Dismissal-Teacher Inservice
Friday, September 2	Progress Report
Monday, September 5	No School-Labor Day
Friday, September 9	11:40 Dismissal

Oriole Strong Day is Friday, August 26

We will celebrate the beginning of school next Friday on August 26 with an Oriole Strong Celebration Day. CES students will join the CHS students for food, fun and games Friday afternoon at Concordia's Southside Park. Students will be transported by bus and lunch (hot dog, chips, water) will be provided for every student.

This will be the first of several events planned throughout the year. Oriole Strong is a program that seeks to provide school identity and build community support for our school. Students are encouraged to wear their Oriole Strong Shirts to school Friday.

School Photos Are Monday, August 29

On Monday, August 31, the Lifetouch company will be here to photograph students. You should receive information on photo packages soon. 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 filled out and money for their photos on that Monday. Please make checks payable to Lifetouch. Photos should arrive in about two weeks. A retake day is scheduled for Thursday, October 6. 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.

Connect With Us

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](#) an email and we will see what we can do.

Another way to stay connected is to follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CESOrioles> and on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/CESOrioles>. [Text Me Concordia](#) is a text messaging service available on our website.

Student Dress Code

The purpose of a student dress code is to allow students to learn without any concerns related to dress while still allowing for individual expression in a safe, respectful and responsible way. Students are expected to dress with discretion and appropriateness for the classroom and school functions. The following are specific items of importance, but may not be the only restrictions on dress. The administration will have final approval on any dress code issues. This information is available on page 5 of the [CES Student/Parent Handbook](#).

1. All clothing worn by students should not interfere with the educational process. Student dress should be free from distractions that would inhibit or distract from the learning climate at school and at school events.
2. Clothing should be of an appropriate length to cover the middle of the body. The top and bottom clothing should overlap. Students should avoid low cut tops, strapless tops or spaghetti strap tops.
3. Shorts and skirts must be fingertip length or come down to mid-thigh or longer. Many young ladies choose to wear shorts under skirts for physical education class and recess.
4. Shoes must be worn to school. Students should wear appropriate footwear for activities in PE class and for recess. Flips flops, or other backless footwear are not to be worn for recess of PE class. Shoes must be worn at all times during the school day and during school events. Teachers may elect to allow students to remove shoes for special circumstances.
5. Students should remove hats, caps, hoods, sunglasses and any other head coverings that obscure the face or eyes with the exception of attire worn for medical reasons or as an expression of a student's religious practices.
6. Student should avoid clothing that advertises products dealing with or having references to profanity, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, sex, violence or representing weapons or gangs.
7. Clothing that is in any way unhealthy, dangerous or unsafe will not be permitted.
8. Spandex/leggings or very tight pants are considered to be undergarments and are not considered appropriate school clothing, unless covered by shorts/skirts/tunics/dresses of appropriate length.
9. Exceptions may be made to the dress code for field trips and special activities; however, any item of clothing that becomes distracting or dangerous cannot be permitted.
10. Any items not mentioned but deemed inappropriate will be dealt with by the administration.

Carryover of Eligibility for Free and Reduced Meal Students

In accordance with Free and Reduced Meal Guidelines, a child's eligibility for free and reduced meals from the 2015-16 school year (last year) will be carried into the 2016-17 school year for 30 days (until September 30, 2016). Parents wishing to continue receiving free or reduced meal prices will need to complete and return the free and reduced meal forms as soon as possible. Whether a child qualified or not in a previous year, anyone can apply for this school year. With the new federal guidelines it is possible for a child to be eligible for the first 30 days, but not for the rest of the year. To keep from losing eligibility, all parents interested in free and reduced meals should complete the forms and return them by September 1, 2016.

Transportation Information

The Concordia R-2 School District provides transportation to students who live a mile or more from the front door of the school and for those who live closer than a mile and reside to the east of Highway 23 and to the north of Old 40 Highway. Mrs. Lisa Haley is the manager of the buses for Fowler Bus Company. She can be reached at (660) 463-2756. Call her if you have questions about riding the bus, bus routes and bus times.

New this year is the Transportation Handbook for Students and Parents. Please read this new manual and sign off upon reading. All students will receive the Transportation handbook as all students will ride the bus at some point during the year.

Positive Behavior Supports

CES is a school that uses Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS). PBIS is a nation-wide program with its roots in Missouri. The purpose of CES Positive Behavior Supports is to support academic achievement for all students by creating a social curriculum that develops students who are respectful, responsible and safe.

Menus are always
available online!

22 <u>Pop Tarts</u> Hamburger on Bun French Fries Baked Beans Fruit	16	23 <u>Scrambled Eggs</u> Toasted Cheese Soup Gold Fish Crackers Fruit	17	24 <u>Breakfast Pizza</u> Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit	18 <u>Cereal & Toast</u> Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Salad Carrots, Fruit	19 <u>Biscuit & Gravy</u> Pizza Salad Fruit Cooche
29 <u>Donut</u> Chicken Patty on Bun Broccoli Chips Fruit	30 <u>Waffles</u> Corn Dog French Fries Veggies & Dip Fruit	31 <u>Breakfast Pizza</u> Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes Green Beans, Fruit DI SMIS @ 1-4	25 <u>French Toast</u> Pancake on Stick Hash Browns Teddy Grahams Fruit	26 <u>Biscuit & Gravy</u> Onion Strong Lunch		

Menu for August 2016