



# Oriole Outlook

*Are You Ready for the Best Year Yet?*

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## *Orioles are Respectful, Responsible and Safe!*

### Morning Car Rider Unloading

Many of our students arrive by car each morning and sometimes we have many cars arriving at the same time. Please observe the No Parking signs posted in the driveway. They are there to keep the traffic moving and avoid any safety issues with students walking into the building. If you must park, please do so in one of the parking spaces on the left side of the driveway. Your cooperation is appreciated.

### 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.

### Afternoon Dismissal Procedure

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.

### 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.

### Safety Drills

Safety of our students and staff are very important at CES. Because of this, we regularly practice emergency procedures. Among these are drills for emergencies of fire, storm, intruder, bus evacuation and building evacuation. Knowing what to do is key to managing emergency situations. Specific details about our procedures are not made public for safety reasons.

#### 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

### School Photos Are Monday, August 29

On Monday, August 29, 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](http://www.schoolportraits.lifetouch.com/students). You will find information on clothing selections, online payment options and more.

### 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.

### Connect With Us

All of the information you need is available on our website. Browse to [www.concordia.k12.mo.us](http://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.