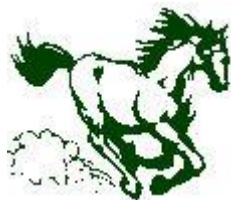


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JOSEPH J. CATENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

In cooperation with dedicated staff, parents and students we establish high expectations that enhance self esteem, develop creativity and individuality, build responsibility for self and others, accentuate respect, inspire thought and optimize each child's potential.

August, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the summer draws to a close, we are preparing for the start of another exciting year at Joseph J. Catena Elementary School. We would like to extend a welcome to you on behalf of the entire staff.

Classroom assignments for students will be made available through the Parent Portal in Genesis on August 29th. As a reminder, the first day of school for students is Tuesday, September 6, 2016. This is a full day of school. Doors will open at 8:40 AM, with instruction beginning at 8:50 a.m. and ending at 3:20 PM. Information regarding bus numbers, approximate pick-up times, and bus stops is made available by the transportation department. In addition, Back to School Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 29th at 6:30PM. Specific information will be sent home during the first week of school. School pictures are scheduled for Tuesday, September 27th.

This year, we will be welcoming a number of staff members to the Catena team. Please see the list below:

Full Year Positions:

- Mrs. Laura Cecilione – JJC Supervisor
- Miss Erica Peters – Grade 2 ICS with Mrs. Glusko
- Miss Jaime Kelly (LTS for Mrs. Hinchliffe) – Grade 3 ICS with Mr. Barthel
- Miss Julie Buffardi – Grade 4 ICS with Ms. Smith and Ms. Petrenko
- Mrs. Stephanie Walby-Santoro – Instrumental Music Teacher
- Mrs. Kelly Sandvik – Additional BSI teacher at JJC
- Mrs. Laura Brophy – TA

Partial Year Positions:

- Mrs. Marilyn Grabowski – LTS in K for Shannon Murphy until approx. mid- Sept
- Ms. Suzanne Scarnati - LTS in K for Lauren Gutierrez until approx. mid-Oct
- Miss Kristen Murray – LTS in Gr. 1 for Jessica Saghini until approx. February
- Mr. Alex Isaacs – Grade 5 LTS for Emily Lackey until approx. early November
- Mrs. Mandy Dyas - Grade 5 LTS for Tiffany Knapp until approx. early November
- Mr. Lou Russionello – LTS in Physical Education for Mrs. Moynihan until approx. Nov.
- Mrs. Christine Romanzi – LTS TA until mid-Oct

Please help us in extending a very warm welcome to our new staff members.

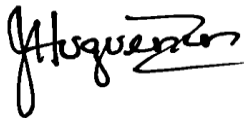
If your child is a walker for the upcoming school year and needs to cross over Burlington Road, please be sure they cross with the crossing guard, who will be stationed at Bear Oak Road. This year, we will again follow the same procedures for parent pick-up and drop-off. Please review the pick-up/drop-off map that will be enclosed in your opening day packet. In addition, please complete and return the dismissal procedure form also enclosed in your opening day packet.

Student Arrival/Drop-Off Procedures

1. Students are to be dropped off in the lower parking lot located outside the Kindergarten wing. Please turn into the entrance between the Eisenhower School and the Catena School and then make a left turn into the Catena parking lot. Then, pull up to the curb on the right side and drop your children off. In order to keep traffic flowing, please have your child exit the car quickly. A staff member will be assigned to greet children at that location in the morning. Please do not park your car in this area when dropping your children off.
2. Cars are not permitted in the main front entrance driveway. This is to ensure safe arrival and dismissal procedures for our students every day. Only buses are permitted in the driveway.
3. The lower parking lot outside of the kindergarten and fourth grade wings is designated no parking between the hours of 8:20 AM and 8:50 AM. Please do not park in this area as it is reserved for drop-off in the morning.
4. Students arriving to school after 8:50 AM are to report to the office to obtain a late pass.
5. If you are picking up your child, you must park your car in the side lot, along the sidewalk by the exit driveway area, or in the Eisenhower parking lot. Students will be dismissed, and they may travel along the walkways or across the coned off crosswalk to these three different locations to meet their parent/guardian. It is important that cars use the designated parking spots to prevent any additional traffic jams. Cars are not permitted to be idling in any of the car routes. Please consider the use of the Eisenhower parking lot as it has the most space and more than sufficient parking.
6. If you need your child prior to 3:25, please report to the main office where you will sign them out. *Please remember, any change in a child's usual dismissal must be indicated by a written and signed note from a parent/guardian.*

Last year, our school community worked in partnership to help our students find their "Superpowers". As we get set to embark on another year, we look forward to helping them grow and find their "Superpowers". Thank you for your support and your efforts to help our students.

Enjoy the Labor Day Weekend and some last summer fun!



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