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Welcome to the 2024-2025 School Year!

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Dear Colts Neck Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year at Colts Neck Township Schools! We hope that your summer has been filled with relaxation, joy, and quality time with loved ones. As we prepare to embark on another exciting academic year, we are thrilled to welcome both returning and new families to our vibrant school community.

In an effort to mainstream and consolidate communication from the district to our families about the start to this school year, at the bottom of this letter, you will find links to each school's 2024-2025 Welcome Letter*.

SO EXCITING...THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE GENESIS PARENT PORTAL:

9:00 a.m., MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024: After logging into the Genesis Parent Portal on Monday, but before gaining access to your child(ren)'s 2024-2025 homeroom(s), transportation information, etc., you will need to read, acknowledge, and complete all annual parent forms. We thank you in advance for your anticipated attention and cooperation with completing these forms. This is also an ideal opportunity for you to review and update your child(ren)'s contact information. If you have questions related to accessing your Genesis Parent Portal account, please email Mr. Phil Capasso at capasso@coltsneckschools.org.

IMPORTANT DATES, TIMES, AND INFORMATION:

The first day of school for students is **THURSDAY**, **SEPTEMBER 5**, **2024**. This will be a full day of school for students and we know that our staff and students will be ready! To assist you further with planning for the school year, the <u>2024-2025 District School Calendar</u> is always available on the district's website under "District Information". You can also access the <u>2024-2025 School Time Schedules</u> under "District Information".

2024 BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHTS:

All parents/guardians are cordially invited to join us for our annual Back-to-School Nights! These evenings provide parents/guardians with wonderful opportunities to meet your child(ren)'s teachers, learn about your child(ren)'s academic programs and daily routines, and receive information on how to stay involved in your child(ren)'s educational experience. Prior to each school's Back-To-School Night, your child(ren)'s principal will share specific information about the schedule for the evening. Back-to-School Nights are as follows:

- Conover Road Elementary School Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
- Conover Road Primary School Thursday, September 12, 2024, 6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
- Cedar Drive Middle School Thursday, September 26, 2024, 6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.

STAY CONNECTED: COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS PARENT APP & SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

We are committed to keeping you informed and involved in your child(ren)'s educational journey. Throughout the 24-25 school year, please keep an eye on our district and school websites as well as email communications for updates and important information. Additionally, Colts Neck Township Schools is currently active on two social media platforms:

Twitter and Facebook (@CNSchools). The district uses these platforms to share highlights, information about our district, promote and celebrate activities, and to reinforce communications. Please understand that we <u>will not</u> utilize social media as a primary source of communication to our parents/guardians. **IMPORTANT**: The most efficient way to communicate with us is through the designated individual(s) identified in the district's <u>Chain of Communication</u>. Please understand that the district will not respond to questions and/or concerns posted to social media platforms.

Additionally, through the Colts Neck Township Schools App, parents/guardians have direct access to important district information including Genesis Parent Portal, Payschools, School Time Schedules, the District's Calendar, Anti-Bullying Information, and more. This App is designed to work on any device. Visit the banner on the main page of the district's website to access instructions for how to download the district's Parent App.

COLTS NECK PTO:



We strongly encourage all families to get involved with our dynamic Colts Neck Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO). Though separate from the district, the Colts Neck PTO plays a crucial role in enhancing the educational experiences of students through various events, fundraisers, and parent volunteer opportunities. Joining the PTO for the 24-25 school year is a fantastic way to stay

connected, informed, and involved with the school community while also supporting our students and staff. Want to learn more? Please visit the <u>Colts Neck PTO's website</u>. Information about Colts Neck PTO 24-25 membership will be available soon...so stay tuned!

2024-2025 CRPS, CRES, AND CDMS WELCOME LETTERS:

*As promised, below, please find the individual links to each school's 2024-2025 Welcome Letter. For your convenience, each letter will also be posted to the respective school's website:

<u>Conover Road Primary School (Preschool - 2)</u> <u>Conover Road Elementary School (3-5)</u> <u>Cedar Drive Middle School (6-8)</u>

On behalf of our entire staff at the Colts Neck Township Schools, we thank you in advance for all that you do to help us make the start of our new school year a successful and positive experience for all. If at any time during the school year I may be of assistance to you, I can be reached via email at garibay@coltsneckschools.org or phone at 732.946.0055 ext. 4104.

Educationally yours,

Dr. MaryJane Garibay, Superintendent of Schools

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