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Welcome to the 2024-2025 School Year!

Dear Badger Families,

We hope you are soaking up the last few weeks of summer while looking forward to an exciting new school year! Each year brings new opportunities for growth and we look forward to partnering with you to help your child reach their potential.

We are entering the second year of our planned renovation and are fully ready for the upcoming year. As you come onto campus this fall you will see that we are still under construction. The annex, across the driveway from the playground, will be finished early this fall. This space will open up five brand new classrooms including two large STEM-based science rooms upstairs and three content area classrooms downstairs. A chair lift will also be complete by then making the Henderson building fully accessible. A new nurse's suite and front office will also be completed early this fall in Henderson. The Wilson building lobby has been reconfigured, you will see additions to that space when you enter in the fall and our new elevator will be completed shortly after. We have been formally meeting with our contractors on a weekly basis and have maintained open lines of communication throughout. This has made it possible for us to plan out the year ahead in terms of space and activities so your children will have their full programming, uninterrupted.

As we plan for September, there are a few ways you can help us finalize everything for your child. Our website has a page under the Community tab for all back-to-school paperwork and fall sign-ups.

As you start planning for the beginning of the year, please make these dates on your calendar:

- **WELCOME BACK COOKOUT:** Thursday, August 29th on our High School campus, 24 Changebridge Road, Montville
 - New Families come for Orientation at 10:30
 - Returning Families join us at 11:00
- **OPENING DAY-CLASSES BEGIN:** Tuesday, September 3rd
- **PARENT INFORMATION LUNCH AND LEARN:** Friday, September 20th, 12:30-3:00 (Students have a full day of programming.)
- **PICTURE DAY:** Tuesday, September 24th
- **DRIVE-IN MOVIE:** Saturday, September 28th on our High School campus, 24 Changebridge Road, Montville

LOWER MIDDLE SCHOOL HOURS

- Start Time: 8:20 AM
- Dismissal Time: 3:05 PM



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- Early Drop-Off: 7:45 AM in the Wilson Front Lobby

For any changes in schedule (absences, late arrivals, early pickups), please contact Ms. Beck in the main office before the school day begins at (973) 334-1234 ext 100, or via email attendance@craigschool.org

STUDENT SUPPLY LIST:

The supply list for this school year is available on the school website and can be found by clicking here: [LSMS SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST](#)

ONLINE LUNCH ORDERING PROGRAM - NO FUSS LUNCH:

The LSMS will continue using No Fuss Lunch online ordering/payment service. An email will be sent to all families before the first week of school to sign up.

PACS (Parent Association of Craig School)

PACS is a wonderful resource for enriching the experience of our whole community. Please read their welcome letter for a full understanding of their function and how you can get involved. The PACS 2024-2025 Welcome Letter, Call for Grade Parents, and Membership Form can be found on the parent portal, along with insights into PACS's important role at Craig, or by clicking here: [PACS INFORMATION](#)

CRAIG SCHOOL FAMILY DIRECTORY

We encourage you to fill in this form to be a part of the Craig School Family Directory. We respect your privacy and do not share your contact information with other families without your consent. Through this form, you can share as much or as little information as you are comfortable. [CRAIG SCHOOL FAMILY DIRECTORY](#)

FALL SOCCER SIGN-UPS

Fall soccer is open to all 5th-8th grade students. It is a great opportunity to learn a sport, learn how to be a teammate, and have fun. We play games against other small independent schools in the area. The sign-up forms can be found on our website. [BADGER SOCCER SIGN UP](#)

FALL FENCING SIGN-UPS

Please see our website for information on the 2024 Group Fencing Lessons sign-up and schedule. All interested candidates should sign up using the link provided in the attachment by Monday, September 9th. [FENCING SIGN UP](#)

BADGER HOMEWORK SUPPORT

Badger Homework Support is for after-school homework assistance. The focus of this program is to provide an opportunity for all of our students to develop greater independence of executive functioning skills and study habits. In Badger Homework Support, students will have the opportunity to receive the following assistance:



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- Help with questions about specific homework assignments
- Review for quizzes and tests
- Organize their material so that they can effectively complete an assignment
- Utilize their agenda and Google Classroom efficiently and effectively
- Structured work when homework is completed

The registration link and calendar can be found on our website. [BADGER HOMEWORK SUPPORT SIGN UP](#)

SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS

Summer assignments are due the first week of school. They will be turned in during homeroom and the homeroom teacher will make sure it gets to the teacher that assigned the work. No homework is assigned to new students. Students that attended Summer Academy need only complete half of their reading, everything else is completed in the summer program. If you have any questions please reach out to [Renee Hecht](#).

BACK-TO-SCHOOL FORMS

The 2024-2025 Back to School forms and Health forms must be filled out and returned before school opens in September. You can access all forms on the school website: [LSMS BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS](#)

Please join us for our 3rd annual Back to School Celebration to kick off the 2024-2025 school year! It is a great time to see friends, other families, faculty, and staff. We know the end of summer can be bittersweet, especially for some of our new students. Can you think of a better way to celebrate a new year than with a bounce house and an ice cream truck? On Thursday, August 29th we welcome new families at 10:30 for orientation and all returning families at 11:00 for back-to-school information, lunch, and camaraderie to join us on the high school campus.

[RSVP HERE](#)

Our team is looking forward to working with you and engaging your child on their path this year. If there is anything we can do to help you or your child now, or as the year unfolds, please reach out. [Gabriella Beck](#) and [Renee Hecht](#) are excellent administrative assistants who will always be able to help you find the answers you are looking for.

With badger pride,

Jen Guthrie
Lower & Middle School Director

