

## New Information

Parents I would like to thank you for your grace and support these past two weeks. We have had many students and staff members out due to illness and COVID, causing a lot of uncertainty surrounding “catching up” after extended absences. Please know that we are going to work closely with all students to ensure that they are not left behind. If your student(s) have been absent and are feeling stress and/or anxiety, please reassure them that we understand and will work through this together. If you have any questions in reference to this, please reach out directly to your child’s teacher. You can always email Ms. Hannan ([hannan@fultonschools.org](mailto:hannan@fultonschools.org)) or me ([boydn@fultonschools.org](mailto:boydn@fultonschools.org)) if you need additional support.



*When life gets hectic and you feel overwhelmed, take a moment to focus on the people and things you are most grateful for. When you have an attitude of gratitude, frustrating troubles will fall by the wayside.*

**Dana Arcuri**

I often need this reminder. **I am grateful for you, our jaguars, and our amazing staff.**

### COVID

COVID numbers continue to be high in our surrounding area. We are experiencing high numbers of students arriving to school without a mask each day. We understand that students may forget on occasion; however, we really need your help with ensuring that our jaguars are “masked up.”

In addition, please continue to perform wellness checks each day with your students and to keep them home if they are feeling sick. If your child has direct contact with a COVID positive person or is diagnosed with COVID, remember to report to the portal (<https://www.fultonschools.org/ReportCOVID>) immediately and email the teacher.

### Curriculum Night

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Curriculum Night on 9/9/21. I hope that you were able to gain some insight into a day in the life of our jaguars 😊!

### Title I Annual Parent Meeting

A huge thank you to all families who were able to attend our Annual Title I Meeting. We had almost 50 people on the call at one point, which is AMAZING! I am including links to our school compact and our parent engagement plan for your review.

[Compact SY2021 - 2022](#)

[Compact SY2021 - 2022 - Spanish](#)

[Parent & Family Engagement Plan SY2021 - 2022](#)

[Parent & Family Engagement Plan SY2021 - 2022 - Spanish](#)

Please use the link below to provide feedback and suggestions as to how we can improve.

[Event Feedback SY2021 - 2022](#)

## Late Start Day – Monday, September 20, 2021

Our first late start day of the year will happen on **Monday, 9/20**.

A few important things:

- The school day will start exactly one hour late at 8:40.
- Buses will ONLY run at the normal time, so if you do not have transportation to bring your student(s) to school, please send them on the bus as usual.
- Breakfast will be available to students who arrive to school at the normal time (7:20 - 7:40). If parents choose to bring their student(s) to school after 7:40, they should eat breakfast at home first.
- Parents can choose to bring their student(s) to school at the normal time or exactly one hour later (8:20 - 8:40).
- Students who arrive after 8:40 will be marked tardy.

This hour will serve as time for teachers to work in Professional Learning Communities and plan collaboratively for our students. We will have staff available to supervise all students who arrive prior to 8:40.

## Morning Arrival – Carpool

Parents, the instructional day begins at 7:40. Students are expected to be in their seats and ready to learn when the bell rings. If you are bringing your student(s) to school using our carpool process, PLEASE try to arrive by 7:30. This allows students the time to get breakfast, get to class, unpack, and be ready to learn at 7:40. We will begin closing the carpool doors at 7:35 each morning. Students arriving between 7:35 – 7:40 should enter through the front doors. Students arriving after 7:40 must be escorted into the building by an adult so that they can receive a tardy pass.

Thank you for helping us to teach our students the importance of maximizing all instructional time.

## Principal Feedback

In our next principal letter, I will include a link for parents to provide feedback. This can include questions, suggestions, concerns, and of course positive messages about EJ or any staff member. Stay tuned...

## Dates to Remember

- **Progress Reports visible in parent portal** – September 17<sup>th</sup>
- **Late Start Day – September 20<sup>th</sup>**
- ~~Donuts With Dads~~ – September 24<sup>th</sup>
- **Fall Pictures** – October 1<sup>st</sup>
- **End of Quarter 1** – October 8<sup>th</sup>
- **Columbus Day/Indigenous People Day – October 11<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL**
- **Conferences/Teacher Work Day – October 12<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- **Report Cards Visible in the Parent Portal** – October 15<sup>th</sup>
- **SGC Meeting – October 19, 2021**
- **Parent University (Math and Literacy) – October 21, 2021**
- **Late Start Day – October 25<sup>th</sup>**

## Recurring School and Community News

### Late Start Days – please add these to your calendar

This year, Fulton County added the following **6 Late Start Days** to the District calendar. On these dates, we will begin school exactly one hour late. This will allow schools to collaborate in Professional Learning Communities and receive Professional Development.

September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

School buses will continue to run at the normal time. Students who ride the school bus will be picked up at normal times and we will have staff available to supervise and complete instructional activities with them. Parents who drive students to school can either drop students off at the normal time (7:10 – 7:40), or one hour late (8:10 – 8:40).

My door is always open, and I welcome your feedback.

In Partnership,

Nikol