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Dear School 9 Families,

What a wonderful start to the school year! Our first Spirit Week was a success and we are looking forward to having them the last week of each month so stay tuned! In the meantime, every Friday we will be wearing School 9 gear or blue and yellow.

Every morning I schedule phone calls and emails with upcoming events, important information or reminder of policies. If you are not receiving these daily announcements, either as phone calls or emails, please contact the school.

Below is a list of important information and reminders as we enter October:

- **Open House**
- **Arrival, Attendance & Lateness**
- **Student's exhibiting COVID symptoms**
- **Early Dismissal – Cut off is 2:30 PM**
- **Parent Request for Child to NOT take the Bus**
- **Dress Code & Cell Phones**
- **Change in Address, Phone Number or Emergency Contacts**

Open House

Our Open House is scheduled on Thursday, October 7th in two sessions:

Students with last names that begin with the letters **A-L**: from **5:00 PM to 5:40 PM**

Students with last names that begin with the letters **M-Z**: from **6:00 PM to 6:40 PM**

For both sessions, the following protocols must be followed:

- Only one parent per child may attend Open House
- Everybody's body temperature must be taken before entering the building
- Children are not permitted to attend

- Anyone presenting COVID symptoms may not enter the building
- No assemblies can be held during Open House. When you arrive, you will go directly to your child's classroom.

Arrival, Lateness & Regular Attendance

The earliest we can receive children at School 9 is **8:20 AM**. This is when an adult is available to supervise the students.

Any student entering the building after **8:45 AM** is late.

Attendance at the elementary level encourages good learning habits, study skills and responsibility. Regular attendance is expected and will be monitored.

Student's exhibiting COVID symptoms

If your child is exhibiting COVID symptoms, keep your child home and contact the school. We will connect you to the nurse for next steps.

If your child is sent to the nurse throughout the day and is exhibiting COVID symptoms, you will receive a phone call and a note that explains clearance requirements.

Early Dismissal – Cut off is 2:30 PM

Parents must send a written request for a child to be picked up, and by whom, between the hours of 9 AM and 2:30 PM, and only when necessary. This request can be sent to Mr. Jimenez at jjimenez1@yonkerspublicschools.org and Dr. Yazurlo at myazurlo@yonkerspublicschools.org. Only parent/guardians or emergency contacts can pick up a child – this will be verified before any child is released.

We will be monitoring excessive requests. Students cannot be picked up after 2:30 PM, unless it is an emergency and the Main Office is aware.

Parent Request for Child to NOT take the Bus

If you do not want your child to take the bus on any particular day(s), this must be submitted, in writing, (note or email) to the Main Office no later than 11 AM to Mr. Jimenez – jjimenez1@yonkerspublicschools.org and Dr. Yazurlo – myazurlo@yonkerspublicschools.org.

Dress Code & Cell Phones

Clothing must be appropriate for school. You may refer to the Yonkers Public School Code of Conduct, page 19 for further information. This includes jeans without multiple holes, skirts an inch above the knee, shirts that cover the stomach and do not have profanity or discriminatory language. Footwear that is a safety hazard, such as flip-flops, is not allowed.

Cell phones are a distraction in the classroom and are expected to be away in a child's bookbag and not out during school hours.

Change in Address, Phone Number or Emergency Contacts

If you have not sent in your child's lunch form and emergency cards, please do so as soon as possible. Lunch forms support the funding of the school from New York State and Emergency cards allow us to get in contact with someone quickly to provide important information.

Any changes in address, phone number or emergency contacts, must be shared with Mr. Jimenez in writing – jjimenez1@yonkerspublicschools.org. Documentation is necessary for address changes.

Thank you for reviewing all of the procedures and policies. We look forward to seeing you on October 7th during your assigned Open House session (A-L 5:00 PM to 5:40 PM; M-Z 6:00 to 6:40 PM).

Any questions please call the office or email me at myazurlo@yonkerspublicschools.org. It is a pleasure working for you and your children.