



CONNEAUT AREA CITY SCHOOLS

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Home of the Spartans

Important notices for parents that are included in this newsletter:

1. *School Times*
2. *Transportation*
3. *Lunch and Breakfast Programs*
4. *Summer Office Hours*
5. *Orientation Schedule*

** School Times **

Conneaut High School

7:00 doors open for students
7:00-7:20 Breakfast
7:20-2:30 student day

Lakeshore Primary School

8:00 doors open for students
8:00-8:20 Breakfast
8:20-3:10 student day

Conneaut Middle School

7:30 doors open for students
7:30-7:50 Breakfast
7:50-2:40 student day

Lakeshore Preschool

A.M. Preschool

8:00 doors open for students
8:30-11:00 am student day
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri

Gateway Elementary School

7:40 doors open for students
7:40-8:00 Breakfast
8:00-2:50 student day

P.M. Preschool

12:15 doors open for students
12:30-3:00pm student day
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri

★ Transportation ★

You are probably aware that our Conneaut Area City Schools with the help of the Conneaut Levy committee have tried in vain to pass an operating levy. After 5 defeats (the last attempt failed in March of 2009) the Board of Education was forced to compile a budget reduction plan. The plan was put in place to stave off the district being placed in Academic Caution by the Ohio Department of Education. In order to maintain quality educational programs and activities for our children, the district has been forced to reduce and eliminate portions of our school bus transportation program. The following is a summary of the changes to our 2009-2010 school bus transportation programs.

Conneaut High School

1. There will be NO busing for any students in grades 9-12.
2. Ashtabula County Vocational School students will need to arrive at Conneaut High School by 7:10 to catch the "Vo-Ed" bus. The pick up point will remain at the same position in the Mill Street lot. Ohio Revised Code mandates that a district provide transportation to and from the High School to the Vocational School.

Pre K – 8 school bus transportation

Conneaut Area City Schools will be implementing a common bus run for Conneaut Middle School, Gateway Elementary School and Lakeshore Primary School.

As before, no busing will be offered to any students who live within one (1) road mile of a school. We will continue to offer school bus transportation to students in grades kindergarten through eight. (Busing will also continue to be offered for our qualifying Pre-School children). As before children may be dropped off to "Day Care" providers as requested by parents. It is imperative that you call 593-7205 this summer with changes. During the school year changes will be made with the secretary at your child's school.

Across the district many students will be required to meet at pick-up points. The Ohio Revised Code specifies that students can walk up to ½ mile to a pick-up point.

IT IS THE PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE CHILDREN ARE TRANSPORTED SAFELY TO AND FROM ALL PICK-UP POINTS.

PARENTS MUST SUPERVISE THEIR STUDENTS AT THESE PICK-UP POINTS.

Parents of our youngest students have the added "safety responsibility" to wait at the pick-up point with their children and to then be present when the student gets off the bus, at the end of the day. If a parent fails to pick up his/her student from a pick-up point, the child will remain on the bus until a parent can be located.

Building Drop Off and Pick Up

Conneaut High School

7:00 doors open for students

Parents are responsible for providing a safe means of transporting their high school students. Students will be admitted starting at 7:00 am. Students are released to their lockers at 7:20 and first period begins promptly at 7:25. Students entering first period after 7:25 will be considered tardy and discipline consequences will begin. There will be two (2) drop off/pick up points for students.

Conneaut High School continued.....

- a. Parents may use the front loop off Mill Street (near the clock tower) to drop off and pick up their students. OR
- b. Parents may enter at the Chestnut Street “north entrance” and drop off their students at the student drop off area and then to proceed to exit out the Jackson Street exit. For student safety- Do not drop off or enter the small teacher’s parking lot near the loading dock.

Conneaut Middle School 7:30 doors open for students

BUSES Buses will use the front loop as their pick up and drop off point

PARENT Parents are required to drop off their students at the West End of the building (commonly referred to as the 7th and 8th grade entrance.) Parents **MUST** yield the right of way to our School Bus traffic. Parents are not permitted to drop off or pick up in the front loop or the East parking lot. (Gymnasium entrance)

Gateway Elementary School 7:40 doors open for students

BUSES Buses will use the front loop as their pick up and drop off point

PARENT Parents are required to drop off their students at the West End of the building. Parents **MUST** yield the right of way to our School Bus traffic. Parents are not permitted to drop off or pick up in the front loop or the East parking lot.

Lakeshore Primary School 8:00 doors open for students

BUSES Buses will use the front loop as their pick up and drop off point

PARENT Parents are required to drop off their students at the rear of the building. Parents **MUST** yield the right of way to our School Bus traffic. Parents are not permitted to drop off or pick up in the front loop.

Bus Times and Places

Bus route information will be published in early August. Look for the article in both the “Conneaut Courier and the “Ashtabula Star Beacon”



Contact Numbers

Route information and busing problems
Kevin Warren 440-593-7230

Bus Garage
Tim Gross or Bob Watson 440-593-7239

Transportation arrangements and questions
Danica Parma 440-593-7205

** Lunch and Breakfast Programs **

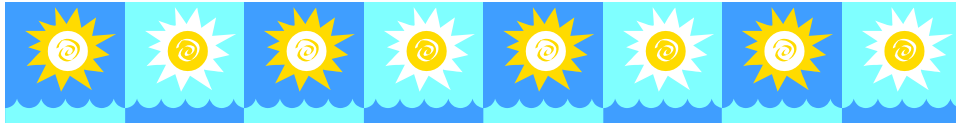
Our point of sale “Nutri Kids” system is running at full speed. For more information on depositing funds into your child’s account or nutritional information please go to :

www.conneautschools.org

and access “Nutri-kids” under the parents link.

Conneaut Area City Schools would like to pursue expanding our breakfast program. In order to accomplish this each parent will be required as a part of their beginning of the year packet to fill out a federal lunch form and return it to the building cafeteria personnel in your child’s building. The school breakfast and lunch meals are the only meals many of our students get. I want each and every student to be able to access to these federally funded programs. All you have to do to help each child in our district is return the completed form to school!

** Summer Office Hours **



Conneaut High School

Mondays over the summer opens from 8:00-12:00

August 13th opens daily 7:00-3:00

Conneaut Middle School

August 13th opens daily 7:00-3:00

Gateway Elementary School

August 13th opens daily 7:00-3:00

Lakeshore Primary School

August 13th opens daily 7:00-3:00

** Orientation Schedule **

Conneaut Middle School

August 17th 10:00 - 6th grade and new student orientation

Gateway Elementary School

August 18th 10:00 - 3rd grade and new student orientation

Conneaut High School

August 19th 10:00 - 9th grade and new student orientation

Lakeshore Primary School

August 20th 9:00 - Kindergarten and new student orientation