

Oakhurst STEAM Academy

Home of the ROCKETS

"We don't fly, we SOAR!"

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August 9, 2021

Dear Oakhurst STEAM Families,

I hope you have had an opportunity to enjoy the summer break! Welcome back to school and all the excitement a new year brings. I know there are still challenges, but we are thrilled to receive our children. We have worked all summer to plan and prepare for teaching and learning. My staff and I will continue to focus on the social and emotional wellbeing of your children as well as their educational progress and "unfinished learning". Here at Oakhurst STEAM Academy, we believe every child has the potential to "soar"! We take our responsibility of teaching your child seriously and invite you to endeavor in this great mission with us. School will begin on August 25th.

Information in this back-to-school packet includes the school letter, transportation information, and your child's assigned teacher.

Your child's teacher is _____ in room # _____.

Kindergarten students will report to school on a staggered start day. Your child's day to report to school is _____. A parent meeting will be held virtually on August 30th from 5:00-6:00pm. He/she will officially start school daily on August 31, 2021.

OPEN HOUSE "DROP IN"

We will host an **"In-Person OPEN HOUSE"** on August 23, 2021. To ensure social distancing and COVID protocols, we will stagger this meeting. Students with the last name of A-M will attend from 1:00-2:00pm. Students with the last name of N-Z will attend from 3:00-4:00pm. Families with multiple siblings should visit all classrooms during their time slot. It is not necessary to return a second time.

Please wear a mask during your visit. The Open House is a visit, not a conference. Please drop off any medical forms/ medicine in the cafeteria. PTA will also be available to take memberships and answer any questions.

We will also offer a ***virtual*** Open House for families who prefer this option. This Open House will be recorded so if you are not able to attend during these times, the information will still be available on our website. Each teacher will have a "live" zoom link for his/her homeroom class/ grade level. This will be interactive.

Thursday- August 12th- 5:30-6:00pm - Kindergarten/1st/ 2nd AND 6:00-6:30pm- 3rd/4th/5th

SCHOOL RULES/PARENT INFORMATION

Back-to-school informational packets will be sent home during our first week of school. This information is also provided through our website. Please take time to review all information and discuss it with your child. You will also have access to the CMS Rights and Responsibilities Handbook on our CMS School Website and our Oakhurst website. This handbook outlines expected behavior in school, on the bus, and virtually (use of technology). We will hold all students and parents accountable for following these guidelines to ensure a safe learning environment where all children can learn, and teachers can teach. Please complete and sign all forms and return them to your child's teacher.

[Click and read the Covid19 procedures HERE.](#)

- Face coverings/Clean masks - are required.
- Prior to arrival, monitor for symptoms at home and stay home if sick. (No CMS Screener or Temp check this school year)
- Students must be fever free for 24 hrs before returning to school.
- Report exposures to the Main Office (Nurse & Leadership)
- No visitation in classrooms at this time.
- Limited visitation with external groups (tutors) and visitors.
- **Updated Medical Exemption Form**
The medical exemption form has been updated to include the requirement that students' healthcare providers must complete the applicable section of the form. [English Version](#) and [Spanish Version](#)

BUS TRANSPORTATION/CARPOOL

Your child's bus information is included in this letter. If you do not have a transportation sticker and need transportation, contact Ms. Siddall, DOS at jenniferl.siddall@cms.k12.nc.us

Students who arrive to school by car should arrive between 8:45-9:15am so all students are in class by 9:15am. Students who arrive after 9:15 am must be escorted into the building by an adult. Afternoon carpool runs from 4:15-4:30pm. Please follow the cones to enter/exit the carpool route. Make sure you arrive by 4:30pm so our staff can make it home to their families.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH PRICES

Breakfast and lunch meals are **FREE** for students daily. Parents are not allowed to eat with students at this time.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

A school supply list for this year is posted on our school website. Please help us by setting a regular study time for your child. Remember, work time is best scheduled when there is a parent/adult at home. Students are expected to read, review class work, work on special long-term projects and/or write. Also, please continue to monitor your child's television viewing and Internet usage and make sure that these activities do not interfere with school responsibilities.

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL

ASEP will be offered to our students for the 2021-2022 school year.

- ASEP Hours of Operation: 6:45-9:05 AM 4:15-6:00 PM
- ASEP Director: Colette Jeffries colette.jeffries@cms.k12.nc.us 980-343-5567
- Oakhurst STEAM Academy Coordinator: Vannesa Moultrie vannesa.moultrie@cms.k12.nc.us 980-343-6482
- [ASEP Online Registration](#)
- [Pay: Credit/Debit Card](#)
- [Pay: Checking/Savings](#)

TITLE IX PARENT INFORMATION

[Click HERE for important Title IX information to learn how we are aiming to protect your child every day at school.](#)

Office of Title IX

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg School District Leaders, Board of Education and Oakhurst STEAM Academy are committed to providing a world-class school system which supports educational excellence regardless of race, gender, national origin, different abilities, or religion, by providing the following: Equitable academic programs and services which respond to the needs of a diverse student population, and which prepare all students for a changing workplace and pluralistic society are essential. (Policy IFC) Equal access to excellent educational opportunities for all students in all its schools. (Policy ADA) In compliance with Federal Law and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Charlotte- Mecklenburg Schools prohibits discrimination or harassment against any person on the basis of sex, gender, race, color, religion, national origin, age, or disability.

If a staff, student, or parent/guardian at our school has any concerns regarding discrimination or harassment, please contact me, Angela Blue at am.richardson@cms.k12.nc.us

For district level concerns, please contact: Stephanie B. McKinney Director, Title IX Office CMS District Title IX Administrator at titleixcoordinator@cms.k12.nc.us

Notice of Nondiscrimination [HERE](#)

Parents should review the Title IX lessons that will be taught the first weeks of school [HERE](#)

Opt-out procedures will be sent home by the Homeroom Teacher in September.

Relevant Policies [HERE](#)

AGENDAS/ PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The agenda is used for parent/teacher communication and to help scholars improve organizational skills. **The agenda is free and each child is required to use the agenda.** Parents should review the agenda each night and initial it. If an agenda is lost, a new agenda can be purchased for a fee.

We encourage all parents will be actively involved in our school. Opportunities for parent involvement include serving on the School Leadership Team, the PTA, and other committees. More information will be available on our website.

Sincerely,

Angela M. Blue
Proud Principal of OSA!