



TEANECK COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

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Hello TCCS Community,

Our faculty and staff have had an excellent week of training and preparation and we are excited to welcome our students back for the first day of school next Tuesday, September 6! With numerous improvements and upgrades to our facility and grounds, new and returning staff members, updated curriculum, schedules, course offerings, and events, the 2022-2023 school year (our 25th!) promises to be one of the best ever!

To ensure a smooth start to the school year, please take note of the following updates and information:

PARENT HANDBOOK

PLEASE be sure to read the entire 2022-2023 parent handbook at <https://bit.ly/TCCS-PH-22-23> prior to the start of the school year. It is also posted on the TCCS website at www.tccsnj.org and in the parent portal for your reference. It contains important information about school policies and procedures, as well as a directory of staff members and our school calendar. Please pay special attention to our arrival and dismissal procedures (and traffic pattern), as they **must** be followed from day 1!

PARENT PORTAL / STUDENT SCHEDULES / TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS

Student schedules and teacher assignments were posted in the parent portal starting yesterday, September 1. Please be sure to access the portal prior to the first day of school to update your contact information, answer the required parent questions, and familiarize yourself with your student's teachers and daily schedule.

In regards to homeroom placements and teacher assignments, please note that these decisions are the result of a lengthy articulation process that involves our teachers and administration over the spring and summer. Many factors are taken into consideration during this articulation, including IEP requirements, to ensure that our limited sized classes are balanced and composed in the best interest of our students. In addition, in our departmentalized 3rd-8th grade classes, students will have a variety of teachers throughout the day, regardless of homeroom placement. With these factors in mind, please understand that all placements are final and cannot be changed.

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

We are excited for our students to see the numerous facility improvements that have been made over this summer. In addition to a number of important safety and security upgrades, our building and grounds have been updated with a new second floor Resource Room Annex, additional lockers, fresh and vibrant paint throughout the building, and a transformative upgrade to our outdoor basketball court area (be sure to follow [@tccsnj](https://www.instagram.com/tccsnj) on Instagram for photos and videos)! In addition, in response to feedback from students, we have added vending machines with healthy snacks and beverages to our cafeteria! Please note, machines can only be used by students during their assigned lunch period and currently accept cash and coins only.

NEW LUNCH PROGRAM

As mentioned in my previous communication, the school will be moving to a new lunch provider for the 2022-2023 school year! As in prior years, lunch service will begin in October and students will need to bring a bagged lunch for the month of September. Additional information about our new lunch program (including updated menus, pricing, and ordering information) will be available the week of September 12.

SAVE THE DATE: BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Back to School Night will take place on Wednesday, September 14 at 7pm at the school for all parents. This event is intended for parents only and childcare will not be available. Please save the date and plan accordingly!

DISMISSAL METHOD NOTIFICATION

If you have not already done so, please visit <https://bit.ly/tccs22-23dis> to confirm your 2022-2023 dismissal methods prior to the start of the school year. Reminder - The After School Program will be CLOSED on the first day of school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at rgallo@tccsnj.org. Otherwise, have a great Labor Day holiday weekend and we'll see you on 9/6!

Thanks and Best Regards,



Ralph Gallo

Lead Person / Director

