

Clarke Community Schools

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Dear Clarke Community School District Families:

As we return to school for the 2023-2024 school year, we have some important news about the first day of school. Over the Spring and Summer, Clarke Community School District has been busy with fire and safety updates at CCHS and CMS and renovating 15 classrooms at Clarke Elementary School.

With the renovation of the 15 rooms at Clarke Elementary School, we have abated asbestos, added new Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems, ceilings, and replaced cabinetry. Clarke Middle School and High School have received a new fire suppression (sprinkler) system.

The renovation at Clarke Elementary has experienced a contractor shortage with one of the subcontractors during this final week before school. This shortage has forced us to delay the start of school for Kindergarten through 12th-grade students to **Monday, August 28th**, and for preschool students until **Tuesday, September 5th**.

These three days will not need to be made up or added at the end of the school year, as the Clarke Community School District calendar has an appropriate amount of hours to cover these days. Additionally, we will still be waiting on our new cabinetry for our renovated elementary school rooms, which will be installed once we arrive. This work will take place in the evenings and over weekends.

Below is the list of upcoming events through Tuesday, September 5th. Changes from the original school start schedule have been noted with an asterisk (*).

Kindergarten through 12th Grade

Monday, August 21st from 5:00-5:30 pm: 6th Grade Orientation

Monday, August 21st from 5:30-7:00 pm: Middle School Open House

Monday, August 21st from 5:30-7:00 pm: High School Open House

Tuesday, August 22nd from 5:30-8:00 pm: Clarke (Tuesday) in the Park on the Clarke County Courthouse Square

*Monday, August 28th at 8:00 am: First Day of School (K-12)

Kindergarten through 5th Grade

*Thursday, August 24th from 4:00-6:00 pm: Elementary Open House

Thursday, August 24th at 7:00 pm: 5th Grade Band Display Night

Preschool

*Thursday, August 31st from 4:00-6:00: Preschool Open House

*Tuesday, September 5th at 8:00 am or 12:00 pm: First Day of Preschool

Activities - NO CHANGES! Just a list of upcoming events through August 23rd, 2023

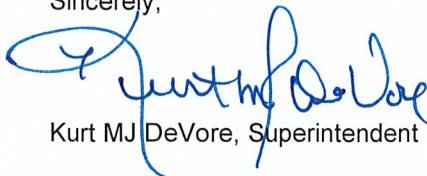
Monday, August 21st at 4:45 pm: XC Boys/Girls at Woodward-Granger

Friday, August 25th at 4:45 (JV) & 7:30 (Varsity) pm: JV/Varsity Football at Clarke

Saturday, August 26th at 8:30 am: Clarke Volleyball Varsity Invitational

We are looking forward to an incredible school year with the updated spaces in our schools. Thank you for supporting Clarke Community School District and our students and staff.

Sincerely,



Kurt MJ DeVore, Superintendent