



# Green Township School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We are so excited to welcome the students back to the building for a full day of instruction on Thursday, September 5, 2024. We have been busy this summer planning for an amazing experience for all of our students! While the school year is still a few weeks away, please see some important updates included below regarding the upcoming school year!

**Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC)** - The Green Township School District has undergone a comprehensive assessment and review of all areas of our school district including instruction and program, curriculum, governance, operations, and personnel via the New Jersey Department of Education as required by statute. We are pleased to announce that the district has been designated as “high performing” and has met the expectations for a thorough and efficient education in the state of New Jersey. The Green Township School District is proud of this accomplishment and will continue to support the needs of every student in our district. Many thanks to our amazing teachers, administrators, and staff members for their efforts on a daily basis to create an optimal learning environment for our students!

**Arrival and Departure Plans of School Day** - Please note that the school day will run from 8:10 am – 3:10 pm daily. Arrival will run from 8:05 am – 8:17 am and departure will run from 3:04 pm – 3:14 pm daily.

During arrival, students riding the bus will be dropped off curbside in front of the school via Entry #2. Please note that information regarding transportation with specific pick-up times from district busing will be available in Realtime on August 23rd. Parents should plan to allow for approximately 10 minutes before and after assigned times during the first few days of the year for pick up at the stops. Parents who drive their children to school should enter through Entry #1, proceed to the right, pull around the back of the school, and then drive up along the curbside of the building between Entry #1 and Entry #2. Students may leave their vehicles at 8:05 am to enter through the front of the building. Please be sure to have your child fully ready to leave your vehicle when on line to pull up to the drop off zone alongside the building. All parents must remain in their vehicles and stay in lane as the line pulls forward to ensure the safety of all students exiting their vehicles. When possible, all students should exit their vehicles on the curb. Students should exit their vehicles from any position along the curbside of the building. This will ensure a safe and efficient drop off experience for all students and families.



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Preschool arrival occurs in the back of the building at the entryway closest to the park behind the building. Parents should enter the lot via Entry #1, proceed to the right, pull around the back of the building, and park in a spot for drop off of preschool students. Drop off will occur at 8:15 am for preschool students.

During dismissal, students riding the bus will be dismissed to each bus and checked in on the bus by a teacher. Parents who are picking up their children should park in the back parking lot via Entry #1. All K-4 students will need to be released directly to their parent / guardian at the library doors. Students in grades 5-8 will be permitted to exit through the library doors without a parent at the door. All parents are requested to stand on the gravel area next to the library doors during pick up to avoid standing in the parking lot. Parents should be mindful of holding their child's hand when crossing through the parking lot. After-school activities, athletics, and clubs will begin shortly after the end of the day at 3:15 pm. Plans for after school activities need to be updated in Pick up Patrol.

Preschool dismissal occurs in the back of the building at the entryway closest to the park behind the building. Parents should enter the lot via Entry #1, proceed to the right, pull around the back of the building, and park in a spot for drop off of preschool students. Pick Up will occur at 2:45 pm for preschool students.

**Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Orientation** – We are thrilled to invite our newest members of the Green Township School District to attend a Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Orientation. The orientations will be held on Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 11 am. The orientation will provide our students with a wonderful opportunity to meet their teachers and visit their classrooms. Kindergarten students will also have a bus ride as part of the orientation experience! The PTA will be hosting “Popsicles on the Playground” immediately following the orientation.

**Summer Facility Projects** - We are so thankful for our amazing custodial staff for all of their efforts in preparing the building for the students in September! From gleaming hallway and classroom floors to the completion of many projects this summer, our building shines brightly and is ready for a great year of learning! This summer we completed the update to natural gas burners on our boilers, removed of our oil tank under the front sidewalk, replaced the removed walkways, sanded and rescreened the floors in our gym spaces, lowered the heights of the sinks in the PREK and K bathrooms, completed the required water testing, upgraded the board office paint and carpeting, fixed the broken exterior stairs, and created a new office space for our Child Study Team in the main hallway. Thank you to every member of the summer team for their efforts in supporting the completion of these projects!



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**Green Hills School Calendar** - Our school website is updated with the most up to date information regarding the 2024-2025 school year. This includes our district calendar and school bell schedule. Please make every effort to have your child present for each day of school. Attendance is paramount in supporting student achievement for our students. We will be closely monitoring student attendance throughout the year and will be working closely with our families to ensure every student has the supports necessary to attend school each and every day.

**Realtime/Parent Portal and Pick Up Patrol** - The Parent Portal will open on Friday, August 23rd for families to view class assignments and schedules. All important forms and documents will also be available there. Please note that the Realtime/Parent Portal will also be used as our Instant Alert system. Please make sure that all contact information is up to date and accurate. We will continue to use Pick Up Patrol for families to communicate student attendance and dismissal plans. Links to set up an account for Pick Up Patrol will be sent out by our technology coordinator before the start of the school year.

**Breakfast / Lunch** – Breakfast will be offered each day for students to purchase at a rate of \$2.25. Students who receive free and reduced lunch will also be able to have free and reduced breakfast. Students will be permitted to eat breakfast in the classroom during arrival. Lunch will be served each day in our cafeteria. The cost of a student lunch will be \$3.65. Students who plan on eating a school lunch will order during homeroom each morning. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. The updated price list for all cafeteria food is available on the Parent Portal. Please note that bottled water can be purchased, but is not included in the free regular lunch. Families who qualify should complete the forms for Free and Reduced Lunch.

**Back To School Night** - Back to School Night is a wonderful opportunity to meet teachers and hear about the great things that will be taking place at Green Hills this school year. A detailed schedule will be shared once the school year opens. Back to School Night will be held on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> for all students in PREK-8.

**Middle School Lockers & New Student Welcome** - Students in grades 6-8 are invited to set up their lockers and students in grades 1-8 that are new to our Green Hills Community are invited to visit on Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. During this time staff and student leaders will be available to give tours of the building and middle school students will be able to set up their lockers alongside their new classmates.

**Parent Programs**- This school year we will continue to work with local organizations to bring important workshops for parents both virtually and in-person. The first virtual



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presentation of the year is entitled "Smooth Transitions: How to Manage Back to School Jitters." Information for this interactive workshop is attached to this email.

Enjoy these last few weeks of summer with your family! We look forward to welcoming our students back for a great school year! Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Cenatiempo, Ed.D.

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