

THE CAVALIER

CHILLICOTHE CITY SCHOOLS | DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Exciting changes are on the horizon.

Two brand new elementary buildings will open this year. As a result, CCSD will be implementing a few transitional adjustments for the upcoming school year. Please read through this newsletter for important updates beginning in the fall.

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The 2018-2019 school year will begin on Tuesday, September 4 for grades 1-12 and Friday, September 7 for Kindergarteners. This slight delay will help accommodate some of the many changes coming to the district in the fall due to construction.

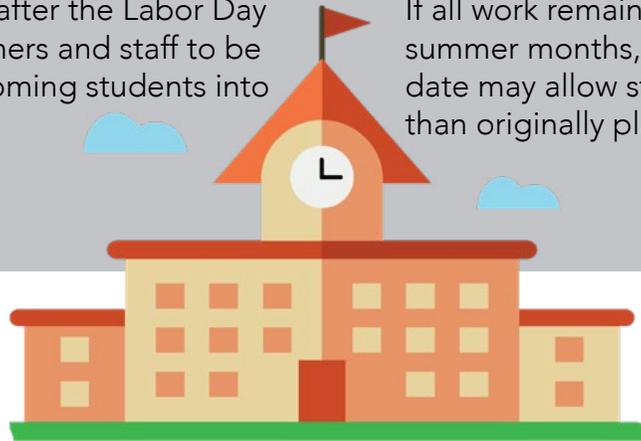
Visit www.buildingchillicothe.com for building updates.

K-2 Building | 235 Cherry Street
Scheduled Completion: Mid-August

Beginning school just after the Labor Day holiday will allow teachers and staff to be prepared before welcoming students into the new building.

3-6 Building | 345 Arch Street
Scheduled Completion: Late November

If all work remains on schedule during the summer months, an updated completion date may allow students to move in sooner than originally planned.



GRADE-BANDING

Students from particular grades will be "banded," or housed together. In the new buildings, single grade-level teachers will be working with students in close proximity to one another in "pods." Students will report to designated areas for lunch and special classes such as music, art and library. Teachers will have the flexibility to teach in individualized classrooms or use movable walls and Extended Learning Areas, allowing for better collaboration with other teachers in larger, more flexible learning spaces.

TEMPORARY RE-LOCATION

Due to grade-banding and the demolition of Worthington Elementary, students will be temporarily reassigned until the intermediate building is complete. Grades 3-4: Allen Elementary; Grades 5-6: Tiffin Elementary. Mt. Logan will be used for all CCSD Preschool and several Head Start units in addition to the Elementary STEM program which began in 2017-2018 at Mt. Logan. Additional after-school programming will be housed at Mt. Logan and the Chillicothe Ross County Public Library will continue operating a satellite branch at Mt. Logan.

In the past, space and staffing limitations resulted in higher student-to-teacher ratios in certain places. Contractually, pupil-to-teacher ratios are not to exceed 25:1, and the Ohio Facility Construction Commission adheres to this rule when determining the size and number of desks to be allocated per classroom. Grade-banding will allow us to more efficiently assign staff, and we'll strive for a ratio of closer to 20:1 in primary grades.

2018-2019 SCHOOL DAY ADJUSTMENTS

Grades K-2 and grades 3-6 will begin at 7:55 a.m. and will be dismissed by 2:15 p.m. with a staggered release.*

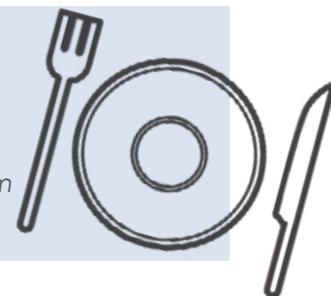
Grades 7-12 will begin at 8:30 a.m. and be dismissed at 3:25 p.m.



*Kindergarten will be released at 1:55 p.m., first grade at 2:00 p.m. and second grade at 2:05 p.m. Latchkey will be available at both elementary sites and additional after-school programming is planned for both the Primary and Intermediate Buildings as well as additional programming at Mt. Logan.

FREE FOOD FOR ALL

The Community Eligibility Options Program allows students to receive free breakfast and lunch every day. Students may arrive as early as 7:30 a.m. to eat breakfast before the school day begins. Healthy lunches will be served at no charge in the new Cafeteriums--a large room serving as both a cafeteria and auditorium; the gymnasium will be separate.



The district plans to expand bus routes to serve students residing approximately one mile from their schools, exceeding state requirements. Additional routes will accommodate more riders and help improve safety, reduce congestion and provide convenience. Routes and bus assignment information will be made available in August*, though timetables may be adjusted as needed once all students have moved into the buildings. For questions regarding transportation, please contact Bobbi Lowry at 740.775.2936 or bobbi.lowry@ccsd.us.

*Find route information at www.ccsd.us/content/transportation

STUDENT DROP OFF

While school bus transportation is encouraged, parents/guardians will have drop-off options available at both buildings.

Primary Building | Students can be dropped off on the the curb at the main building entrance. Group drop-offs here as well as along the sidewalks on Cherry and Chestnut Street, which lead into the building, will be supervised by staff.

Intermediate Building | Students can be dropped off at the front curb along Vine Street, along the curb on Arch Street or in the existing Stadium West parking lot. Plans are being developed for sidewalk access from Allen Avenue. Neighborhood streets will have parking restrictions during certain times. Limited visitor and handicapped parking will be available in front of each school. Adjustments to drop off and pick up will be made by the administrators to facilitate traffic flow and ensure safety for students.

PRESCHOOL

CCSD has four early childhood education preschool classrooms and three special education preschool classrooms that also enroll typically developing children as peer models. All of our preschool classrooms have a five-star rating through Step Up To Quality, are licensed through the Ohio Department of Education Early Learning Office, and are staffed with licensed early childhood teachers and paraprofessionals. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Registration materials may be picked up in the Registration Center or District Office located at 425 Yoctangee Parkway. For more information please contact Joy Dunn at 740.775.4250x16117.



LATCHKEY

We are excited to continue our before- and after-school childcare program. In an effort to assist the citizens of our community, we strive to provide excellent, low-cost childcare year-round with activities designed to help prepare your child for success in school.

Visit the CCSD website for more information on registration, enrollment, fees and program and curriculum, or call Joy Dunn at 740.775.4250 x16117.

Summer Latchkey, Pre-K-6 | 6:30 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Summer services will be offered Monday-Friday from May 29 to August 31 at Chillicothe Middle School, 381 Yoctangee Parkway.

2018-19 School Year, K-6 | Morning: 6:30-7:30 a.m. | Afternoon: 2:30-6:00 p.m

All Latchkey services will be held in the K-2 building until the 3-6 building is complete and available for Latchkey services. Transportation to Allen and Tiffin elementary will be provided in the morning, and students will be brought back to the K-2 building after school.

2018-19 School Year, Pre-K | Morning: 6:30-9:00 a.m. | Afternoon: 2:00-6:00 p.m

The CCSD Early Learning Childhood preschool program will be held at the Mt. Logan Educational Center, and latchkey services will be offered for preschool children enrolled in this program.

MT. LOGAN EDUCATIONAL CENTER

Mt. Logan is getting a new identity! The transition from an elementary school to an educational center will provide programs for K-12 students along with services for our community. The programming includes CCSD preschools, STEM classes, the Chillicothe-Ross public library branch, Adena Health Systems - Health Clinic, Head Start, Pioneer preschool, summer nutrition and educational programs and summer school. Free lunch will be offered to all students during the summer.



Each building will have a library/media center and reading collections will be available in each Extended Learning Area. Reading spaces will be equipped with furniture to allow for flexible grouping of students and rooms to allow for students to work in small groups or independently.

It's a great time to be a Cavalier!

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THERE'S MORE...

Each building will be equipped with state-of-the-art security, including interior and exterior cameras, secured entrances, visitor screening and badging systems, lockdown systems, improved communication tools and MARCs radios--to name a few.



Improved technology will allow for interactive touchscreen monitors, mobile android devices and operation of Google Chromebooks. Teachers and students will have access to highly interactive and engaging instruction, including message centers throughout the building where important messages, student data and student work will be on display.

Both buildings will meet all ADA Compliance requirements complete with handicapped doors, restrooms, wider door thresholds and elevators. Voice amplification systems and wireless microphones will be utilized in all classrooms and extended learning areas.

Beyond the school day, both buildings will be available for community use and for activities including scouting, tutoring and athletics. The Intermediate Building will have a community wing with a meeting room, music rooms, an 8,000-square-foot gymnasium, and a kitchen and cafeteria with the capacity for more than 1,300 people.

If you have any questions about the new buildings or our transition into the 2018-2019 school year, please email info@buildingchillicothe.com.



Above: Exterior rendering of the Primary (K-2) Building, located at 235 Cherry Street

Below: Exterior rendering of the Intermediate (3-6) Building, located at 345 Arch Street

