



Crayton Middle School

August 2, 2022

Dear Parents and Students:

I hope that you and your family are having a wonderful summer. We would like to begin the year helping you and your student know what to expect as you begin the school year.

We have included Frequently Asked Questions and Answers on the back of this letter. We encourage you to utilize the Crayton website <http://crayton.richlandone.org> which offers a great deal of information throughout the school year. Parents are encouraged to keep up with their student's academic progress through Parent Portal via the Crayton website under Parent Resources. We will be sending home an information packet during the first week of school; we encourage you to sign important forms and update pertinent information so we can continue communications with you throughout the school year. Our student/parent handbook will be located on your child's Schoology page and will come home in the student packet the first week of the school year.

Enclosed in this letter is your student's schedule for the 2022-2023 school year. Please be advised that changes can only be granted if a student qualifies for that change and if there is space available. If you need to request a change to the schedule, you must complete a request for change form and send it to Amanda Arflin at amanda.arflin@richlandone.org.

You will also find enclosed a copy of drop off and pick up procedures for car riders. Thank you in advance for understanding that while the beginning of the year is a learning process for parents picking up and dropping off students, we will not compromise the safety of our students for any reason. Therefore, it is imperative that everyone follows the procedures in the morning and afternoon. Please keep in mind that our neighbors ask that you do not park in front of their homes at dismissal times; we are a neighborhood school and wish to show our neighbors the respect they deserve.

Sixth grade students and parents are invited to a New Student Meet and Greet Drop-In on Monday, August 15, 2022, from 3:30 PM until 5:00 PM. This visit is designed for sixth grade students to walk their schedule and alleviate anxiety prior to the first day of school. Additionally, our PTO school store will be open at this event to purchase school items.

Students will be supplied with paper, pencils, pens, a three-ring binder, dividers, pencil sharpener, and colored pencils. Parents only need to supply their student with a book bag and replenish supplies throughout the school year.

We encourage all parents to be involved in school activities. The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and Booster Clubs need your support.

We are looking forward to another exciting and successful year at Crayton Middle School.

Sincerely,

Angela D. Burns
Principal

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THE ACHIEVEMENT OF ALL STAKEHOLDERS.

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Important Dates

Mon., August 15, 2022 Student drop-in 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM.
Tues., August 16, 2022 **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!** 8:30 AM tardy bell, 3:45 PM dismissal
Wed., August 17, 2022 **EARLY BIRD** classes begin – report to the gym by 7:30 AM
Thurs., Sept. 1, 2022 Open House 6:00 PM
Mon., Sept. 19, 2022 Picture Day

Important Phone Numbers

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Guidance Counselor 6 th	Cheryl Nix	cheryl.nix@richlandone.org
Guidance Counselor 7 th	Dr. Amleht Alston	amleht.alston@richlandone.org
Guidance Counselor 8 th	Donna Moultrie	donna.moultrie@richlandone.org
Guidance Counselor Sp Ed	Austin Coleman	austin.coleman@richlandone.org
Principal	Angela Burns	angela.burns@richlandone.org
Administrator 6 th	Amanda Arflin	amanda.arflin@richlandone.org
Administrator 7 th	Prince Brewington	prince.brewington@richlandone.org
Administrator 8 th	Brian Blease	brian.blease@richlandone.org
Administrator Special Ed	Kendrick Cleckley	kendrick.cleckley@richlandone.org

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where do I go the first day?

Students should be prepared to start class by 8:30 AM. Car riders will use the large parking lot and enter through the side door. Bus riders will enter through the front door. Students who wish to eat breakfast should report directly to the cafeteria. Otherwise, students should report to their grade level hallway (6th – Green Hall, 7th – Blue Hall, 8th – Red Hall).

2. When will I get textbooks, a locker, my ID?

All student needs will be addressed during the first week of school. Because we use online textbooks and organize students through the gift of supplies, lockers are not needed.

3. Where is my bus stop?

All bus transportation information is delivered through the district transportation office (231-7002). The bus schedule is updated on the district website. The newspaper usually prints this information for all schools.

4. What is the dress code?

Students are expected to dress in a way that is appropriate for a positive learning environment. A detailed description of the dress code will be presented to the students at the beginning of the school year. Generally, the following guidelines will be followed: Shorts/skorts/skirts should be no shorter than the shortest finger with the arms fully extended downward. Clothing should fit (not too tight, not too baggy) with pants being worn at the waist (no sagging). The back, stomach and undergarments should be fully covered and cleavage should not be visible. Sleeveless shirts may be worn but tank, spaghetti straps should not be worn. All hats and headwear should remain at home. Please refer to the on-line Student Handbook for a complete list.

5. Cell phones – Cell phones are not to be seen or heard.

6. How do I get involved with an athletic team?

Please see the school website regarding athletics. 6th grade students may participate in spring track and the Crayton Step Team.

7. How do I apply for free/reduced lunch?

All meals at Crayton are free for all students.

Car Rider Drop Off and Pick-Up

Please note that we do not compromise student safety for any reason. Due to school safety, parents are not to exit their vehicles. Students are never allowed to run across lanes of traffic even if their parent calls for them to do so.

The following information will help with the safety and ease of picking up students. Please know that the first week of school we have many more car riders than we will normally have during the school year, so while the traffic will seem to be too great, the amount of cars will decrease after the first week of pick-up. Also remember that we have new parents getting used to the pick-up procedures. Difficulties will work themselves out after our new parents are used to the procedures. First and foremost we must remember that these procedures are for the safety of your child and others.

Because safety is our top priority for ALL students Forest Acres Police Department may be required to assist in cases where car safety rules are not being followed.

- **For the safety of all children**, student drop-off and pick up is **ONLY** in the large parking lot by the gymnasium; students are not to be dropped off or picked up on the street in front of the school or areas surrounding the school.
- **In the morning**, cars should pull through one of the two lines (as in the PM pick-up) and proceed to the end of the row. Students will walk down the median and across the crosswalk to the building. Do not pull into parking spaces to drop off your student. Pull all the way up in the line to allow access to all.
- **In the afternoon** there are three lines for pick-up. Two lines are located in the gym parking lot and one line is located on the service road behind the school. Do not pull into parking spaces to pick up your student. Pull all the way up in the line to allow access to all. If you do not see your student the traffic attendants can help you.

Gym Line Pick-Up “Right In-Right Out”

- You must pull into the gym parking lot from the Forest Drive direction making a **right** hand turn.
- Cars will only be allowed to turn **right** into the parking lot.
- Pull all the way up to the nearest car in line.
- Stay out of the white parking lines as those are the safety zones for students.
- Pull as close to the white parking lines as you can to allow cars to pass you once they have picked up their student.
- Once your student is loaded; you may merge into the exit lane and pull to the traffic attendants for a safe exit. **REMEMBER TO CHECK TO SEE IF A CAR IS COMING BEFORE YOU MERGE INTO TRAFFIC.**
- All traffic will be directed to make a **right** turn out of the gym parking lot.

Service Line Pick-Up

- Enter the service road on the right of the road between the Carriage Hill apartments and the 7th grade wing of the school.
- Stay to the left and pull all the way up to the last car in line.
- The first car in line should pull all the way around the bend beside the baseball field.
- Sets of vehicles will be dismissed at a time.

Rainy Day Pick-Up

- Students will be located under the awning by the gymnasium if they do not have an umbrella.
- Parents will pick-up students through the appropriate line.
- Parents should pull up as far as possible. Do not simply stop where your child is located as that slows down the pick-up dismissal.