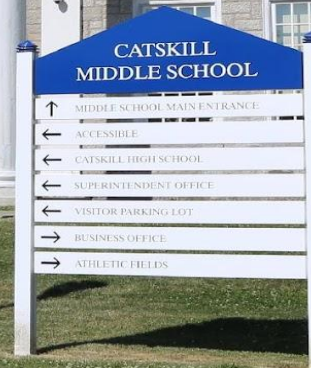


# CATSKILL MIDDLE SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN 2021-2022

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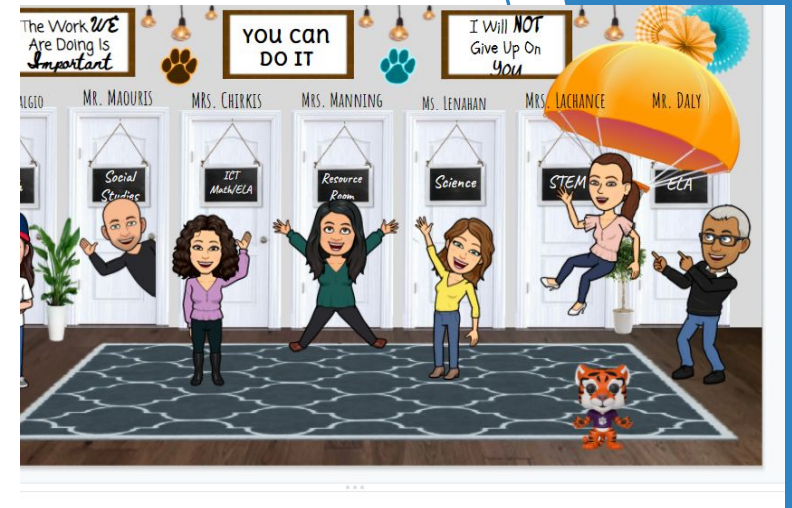
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# Communication

## • Grade Level Team Pages

- Each Team maintains a Google Page. All students have access to these pages and are encouraged to show you!
  - Peek of the Week
  - Grade level news and updates
  - Activities
  - After School Options (Clubs/Activities/Extra-Help)



## • Catskill Middle School Town Halls

- Catskill Middle School administration will be hosting monthly virtual town halls with the first being held on Wednesday, September 15th at 5:30PM. Join us at <https://bit.ly/3AqRrqi>.

## • Open House

- Join us on Thursday, October 7th

## • Bi-Weekly Newsletters

- Posted on School Website, Social Media Pages and Grade Level Google Classrooms

## • School Tool Parent Portal

- Access to grades, Attendance, Assignments



# *Optional* Building Tour

**September 9th & 10th**

**Contact us!**

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# A Day in the Life

## Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>: Welcome Back! First day of School.

### School Day:

- ▶ The Middle School day runs from **7:35-2:17**. Students are admitted to the Middle School Cafeteria beginning at **7:10**, and their **first period class begins promptly at 7:35**. As per the code of conduct, there will be disciplinary actions for students who are continuously **late to school and/or class**.

### Attendance Expectations:

- ▶ The Catskill Central School District maintains an attendance and absence data system. Interventions have been instituted to support students and families. We recognize that there is a strong correlation between a student's class attendance, their academic success, and their opportunity for post-high school success. The Board of Education in conjunction with the Greene County Truancy Task Force, have established the following as the Comprehensive Student Attendance Policy.
- ▶ Whenever a student exhibits the pattern of unexcused absence, tardiness, or early departure, notice will be given to the parents in writing and/or by telephone and email communication in an effort to remediate the underlying problem. (Note: Cumulative absence totals will follow the student throughout the County.)
  - ▶ After five (5) unexcused absences/tardies a letter will be sent home and the student will be assigned an after-school detention.
  - ▶ After ten (10) unexcused absences/tardies, a letter will be sent home and the student will be assigned one day of In School Suspension (ISS). A parent conference may be requested.
  - ▶ After twenty (20) unexcused absences, a referral may be made to outside agencies such as CPS, SPOA, Greene County Mental Health, Pre-PINS, and the District Attorney's Office.
  - ▶ A parent conference may be requested.

# Morning Drop Off & Afternoon Pick-Ups

## Morning Drop Off

All parent Drop-Offs are in the Middle School Loop. Middle School students will enter the building through the main doors. School Doors open at 7:25\*.

The High School loop is reserved for buses. Students are dismissed off the bus at 7:25\* and enter the building utilizing the cafeteria doors.

**\*BREAKFAST-** Breakfast is served in the HS cafeteria beginning at 7:10. Students choosing to have breakfast will enter through the High School Main Entrance.

## Afternoon Pick-Up

All students are dismissed at 2:17. Families picking up their students should meet them in the MS loop. There is no sign-out.

# Social Distancing, Face Coverings and PPE

In accordance with CDC and NYSED recommendations, face masks covering both the mouth and nose will be required for all students, staff and visitors inside schools and on school buses regardless of vaccination status. Masks will be optional outdoors on school grounds.

**Buses:** All students and staff must wear face masks while riding on a school bus regardless of vaccination status.

- CDC guidelines permit busses to operate at full capacity.
- Windows and roof hatches will be open to increase ventilation on the bus.
- Cleaning and disinfecting will continue following each bus run daily.

**Lockers:** Lockers will be available for student use. (Locker information is located on student schedules.) Team leaders will review locker use during their grade level assemblies.

**Classrooms:** Students will be required to wear masks in the classrooms. Shields will be available for those students who wish to access them. They do not replace the need to wear a mask. Mask breaks will be provided throughout the day.

**Cafeteria:** Appropriate physical distancing will be maintained in cafeterias and eating areas. Shields will be in place.

# Social Distancing, Face Coverings and PPE Continued

**Recess/Gym Class:** Our goal is that both of these will take place outdoors, weather permitting. Students will not be required to be masked outdoors.

**Band/Chorus:**

- Students in band and chorus will continue to maintain 6 feet of physical distance during instruction.
- Wind and brass instrumental instruction will continue to make use of musician masks or bell covers indoors to prevent any aerosol transmission of infection.

## Our Capital Project has enhanced our ventilation systems

**Continuing protocols:**

- ▶ We will continue with cleaning and disinfecting

**Change from last year's protocols:**

- ▶ No student surveys and temperature checks: Families, please do not send your students to school if they do not feel well. When in doubt, keep them home.

**Other: Random testing**

- ▶ Random testing may happen if we reach a certain level of COVID infections in Greene County. ONLY those students whose parent/guardian have given written permission will be tested.

**[CLICK HERE FOR CONTACTING TRACING & QUARANTINE FLOW CHART](#)**

or view it online at <https://bit.ly/2WMLTWq>





## **Students follow our three 'Paw Laws'**

### **Be SAFE**

**Follow the Code of Conduct  
If you see something, say  
something**

### **Be RESPONSIBLE**

**Attendance , Grades and  
Behaviorally**

### **Be RESPECTFUL**

**Be kind to each other**

# Culture, Climate & Expectations

**This year, our emphasis is on recognizing our students  
for showing up and trying their best.**

- We recognize that there may be gaps and learning.  
Teachers will be easing back into their curriculums. Our goal is to meet our students where they are at and then move them forward. Students will receive additional ELA and Math support.
- Late Buses and after school club are expected to begin on September 28th. Look for details in our next newsletter.
- Look for PBIS events and Activities!
- CMS Open House is Scheduled for October 7th.
- GREATER SENSE OF PLACE is October 8th!!  
(Permissions slips were mailed home.)

# All Middle School Students will Receive an Agenda Pad that includes Student/Parent Handbook

## Highlights:

- ▶ Specific areas to add assignment information
- ▶ Study skills
- ▶ Bell Schedule
- ▶ Attendance information
- ▶ Code of Conduct information
- ▶ Student Concern QR Code



CMS parent contact link: <https://bit.ly/3n6k0U1>