



WILLIAM S. COHEN SCHOOL

PRIDE IN EXCELLENCE

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Dear William S. Cohen School Families:

I hope your family enjoyed the summer months and you were able to experience the wonderful outdoor opportunities offered to all Maine residents! We have been busy preparing for the 2022-2023 school year and look forward to greeting students as they arrive on the first day of school.

During the summer months, I reflected upon both the incredible effort put forth by our students and the generosity extended by members of our school community last school year. I continue to be very proud of all Cohen students and appreciate the support from members of our school community.

I had the opportunity to work with district leaders and my Cohen colleagues to review school goals and prepare for a safe, engaging educational experience for all students. The Cohen faculty and staff are eager and ready to lead student learning and activities during the 2022-2023 school year.

Please review the important dates and informational items listed on the back of this letter and look for further information in the First-Day Packet that will come with your child on Thursday, September 1.

The faculty and staff at the William S. Cohen School are excited about the 2022-2023 school year! Please call the school office at 941-6230 with any questions about the opening of school.

Sincerely,

Michael H. Missbrenner
Principal

Grade 6 Orientation

- Monday, August 29
- **The orientation program will begin promptly at 6:00pm.**
- The orientation is for Grade 6 students and their parents.

Grade 7-8 Open House

- Tuesday, August 30
- Parents and students are welcome to stop-in between 6:00-7:00pm.
- ***For students and parents entering Grade 7 and Grade 8***
- Grade 6 parents and students are welcome to attend to meet our specialists (Physical Education, Music, Art, Librarian, or other specialists) or to tour the building again. Grade 6 classroom homeroom teachers will not be present.

Homeroom Teachers / Student Schedules

- Students will receive their homeroom teacher in the mail the week of August 22.
- Student schedules will be distributed by homeroom teachers during the Orientation/Open House.

First Day of School

- Thursday, September 1
- Please review the forms included in the First-Day packet and return the necessary forms to school with your child (homeroom teacher).

School Day Hours

- Students may arrive on campus between 7:50 and 8:10 a.m.
- Students may not arrive on campus early as there is no supervision.
- Students must be in their homeroom by 8:15 a.m.
- The school day concludes at 2:30 p.m.
- The office staff is available to take phone calls from 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

School News

- **Bangor App**
 - Please download the Bangor App to receive push notifications about school information and updates. Information about the use of the Bangor App will be in the informational packet that your child will bring home on the first day of school as well as the BSD website.
- **School Website**
 - Please visit our website for school information and updates – williamcohen.bangorschools.net

Student Laptops

- All students at Cohen will receive a school laptop (Chromebook) and are eligible to take the laptop home.
- Please review the Student Use Policies in the First-Day Packet.
- **Return the signed permission form titled *Bangor School Department Laptop Home Use Procedures*.**
- ***Students must have a signed permission form for laptop take-home privileges.***

Performing Arts

- Sign-ups for Band, Chorus, and Orchestra will take place the first days of school.
- The rehearsal schedule will be shared by the musical directors.
- Band Director: Mr. Jacob Gebhart; Choral Director: Mr. James Pushard; Orchestra Director: Mr. William Bell

Athletics

- Fall sports *sign-ups* will take place the first days of school.
- **Students trying out for a sports team must have a physical on file prior to trying out. The physical on file covers students for all three years at Cohen.**
- **An informational meeting for students will take place Tuesday, September 6 at 2:30pm. The meeting will conclude at approximately 3:30pm. A late bus will be available at 4:00pm.**
- Tryouts for fall sports will take place September 7 and September 8.
- Please email or call Mr. Ellis, Athletic Director, if you have questions about athletics.
zellis@bangorschools.net

Academic Pride / After-School Clubs

- Academic Pride or teacher academic support will begin Monday, September 12
- Students should check with their teachers to schedule a day/time for after school support.
- Late buses will be available to students at 4:00pm
- Sign-ups for school clubs will be announced as they are scheduled.

Busing

- Please check the school website for bus routes.
- Late buses are available Monday-Thursday at 4:00 pm to students that remain after school Monday-Thursday.

School Lunch

- Hot Lunch is available to all students. Please look for the school lunch form in the first day packet.
- A la carte items are available to students daily. Students must have money to purchase the food items. A la carte items can not be charged to a student's lunch account.
- Students are certainly welcome to bring lunch from home.

Water Bottles

- Students should bring a water bottle to school daily. There are multiple water bottle filling stations in the building for students to use.

Medications / Immunizations

- Please call or email Mrs. Ashley Kelly, School Nurse, if you have questions about medications or immunizations. 941-6230 / akelley@bangorschools.net

Parent Drop-Of and Pick-Up

Student Drop-Off

- Parents should access Cohen via Mt. Hope Ave. and Howard Street so that students are dropped off on the school side of Garland Street.
- **Please do not drop off on the opposite side of the street as there is no sidewalk.**
- The school parking lot is reserved for buses, employee parking and visitor parking.
- Parent drop-off is between 7:50-8:10 am. Students enter the building at 8:10 am.
- Please do not park along the curb to keep the drop-off line moving.
- For the safety of all, please do not make U-turns on Garland Street.

Dismissal

- Students are dismissed at 2:30 pm.
- Parents should use the school side of Garland Street when picking-up to keep students safe.
- The school parking lot is reserved for buses, event parking and visitor parking.
- Parents picking up their child following an after school activity may do so in the back of the school along the cement planters.