



Church Lane Eagle News

Church Lane Elementary Technology School ~ February 2024

Reconnecting, Empowering, Engaging and Launching the Next Generation!

A Message from Ms. Grant

Dear Church Lane Families,
It's hard to believe we are in the second month of the new year!
Happy February and Happy Black History Month!



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Moving into the 3rd quarter of the school year, we have some reminders around safety issues and concerns for students, families and visitors to the building. We want to make sure the school grounds and school house is a safe environment for all.

Teachers and staff are excited to see the growth in our students and information is forthcoming to give you more ways to support your children at home. As you have seen and received information, computers will continue to come home with children daily. Please talk to your children about using the devices safely and appropriately for school work only.

We look forward to seeing you at upcoming school events and as always we are grateful for your support of Church Lane.

Let's make this a great February!
All the best,
Lori Grant, Principal

School Safety Reminders for Families, Visitors and Students

Dear Church Lane Families,



I hope this letter finds you well. In the interest of the continued safety of our school, I am sending a reminder of the Baltimore County Public School's safety protocols for visiting the school building. Please review the information below and read more about this in the BCPS Student Handbook on page 40. All students were given a handbook during the first week of school. If you wish to read this online, you may visit the BCPS Website and view the handbook.

The following are summations of policies related to student behavior as of July 1, 2020. The current policies and rules are available at BCPS Policies and Rules.

Visitors

Visitors to Schools and Offices Policy 1240 and Rule 1240 defines a visitor as "any person who is not an employee, or currently registered student of the school." Classroom visits and conferences by parents and other authorized individuals are encouraged. Such visits and conferences must be arranged in advance with the school principal or with the classroom teacher. Classroom visits and conferences must be conducted in such a manner that the visits and/or conferences do not interfere with the classroom activities of any student in the class.

Before initiating any school or system-related business, visitors to any BCPS school or office must:

1. Present a driver's license or government issued photo.
2. State the purpose for the visit.
3. Wear a visitor's pass or BCPS identification badge during the visit.

School system employees and school resource officers may demand identification and the reason for the visit from any person who desires to enter Board property. Any school system employee who observes a visitor without a visitor pass should direct the individual to the main office or designated sign-in location.

Denial of Access

An authorized employee may deny access to BCPS property to any person who:

1. Is not a bona fide, currently registered student or a BCPS employee assigned to the site and who does not have lawful business to pursue at the site.
2. Is a bona fide, currently registered student at the school and has been suspended or expelled from the site, for the suspension or expulsion.
3. An employee or student has been denied access to the site due to an administrative action.
4. Acts in a way that disrupts or disturbs the orderly conduct of the school's activities, administration or classes.
5. Molests or threatens with bodily harm any student, employee, agent, or any other individual who is lawfully on school grounds or in the immediate vicinity of the school, on a school vehicle, at a school-sponsored activity or on any property owned by the school system and is used for administrative or other purposes.
6. Is a registered sex offender, unless permission has been requested and granted prior to visiting a school in accordance with state law.

Any school or office visitor who refuses to follow procedures for visitation or who refuses to leave after being asked to do so may be denied access to the building and the school grounds. Similarly, a student who leaves school without prior authorization may be denied re-entry into the school building as a safety precaution.

Students who let unauthorized students and/or unauthorized visitors into the building may be disciplined for creating an unsafe environment.

While serving a suspension, students are not permitted on school property. At no time should students visit another school without prior authorization. Students who visit BCPS property without authorization are guilty of trespassing and may be charged by the Baltimore County Police Department and face disciplinary consequences. The school principal or building administrator is responsible for investigating instances of alleged violations and issuing a no trespass letter in accordance with established school system procedures.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support in keeping Church Lane a safe environment for all.

Regards,
Lori Grant
Principal

Additionally from Dr. Rogers, Superintendent

The second semester is underway, and I want to share some important reminders for our students and families to ensure we are working together to create safe environments for all and preserve and protect teaching and learning. Positive and secure school climates have a tremendous impact on student well-being and learning and we continue to make significant investments in comprehensive safety measures to ensure all students and staff are safe.

While the majority of our 110,000 students come to school ready to learn, engage with their peers and adults positively and follow the rules, there are some students (and adults) who make poor choices and engage in dangerous and disruptive behaviors on school property. When these situations occur, our school administrators respond swiftly and are working to ensure consistency in the implementation of consequences.

I want to be clear that we do not tolerate dangerous behaviors and we will continue to use all legally available tools and resources to protect students and hold accountable those who break the rules. We believe that we can and will have a strong and positive second semester. It will take all of us doing our part. Parents/guardians, please take some time to review the following information with your child(ren)—

[The 2023-2024 Student Handbook](#) includes an overview of the rights and responsibilities of BCPS students and a summary of the laws and regulations that affect students. Topics include consistent, timely attendance, respect for people and property, technology usage, student publications, student activities, student records, the right to appeal - including grievance procedures – and more.

Cell Phone Policy

While students may bring personal phones to school, the phones should not be used during class time or used inappropriately at any time during the school day. Failure to follow these rules will result in disciplinary actions against your child. We understand there are a number of reasons why parents/guardians have their children bring phones to school, however, **they are a distraction and cause significant disruption to the learning environment.** Please let your child know that cell phones and school time don't mix and students who violate the cell phone policy **will receive consequences.**

As a reminder, students may have their cell phones on school property and during school-sponsored activities; however, students may not use their cell phones until the end of the

1. When instructional staff, in Grade 3 and above, has permitted such use for instructional purposes during instructional time.
2. High school students may use their cell phones during student lunch periods.
3. Middle school students may use their cell phones during student lunch periods, as determined by the school administrator of each individual middle school.

Effective teaching and learning can't happen when students are breaking the rules and distracted by their devices. Thank you for your support in reinforcing our cell phone policy at home.

Transportation Procedures and Expectations

The Office of Transportation's top priority each day is to transport all student bus riders safely to and from school. To accomplish this goal, we need the cooperation of the entire community. Positive student behavior while entering, riding, and leaving the bus contributes to safe transportation by making it possible for drivers to dedicate their full attention to the roads and other drivers. Student bus riders are expected to act responsibly and respectfully at all times.

The primary purpose of rules and procedures on buses is the safety of all passengers—students and staff. Please take a few minutes to review the [transportation handbook](#).

What are the consequences for students involved in physical fights?

- Short term suspensions up to 10 days.
- Long term suspensions – 11 days to expulsion –issued through the Student Conduct Hearing Officer.
- Arrests/criminal charges issued, when appropriate, by the Baltimore County Police Department.
- Mediation/restorative conferences may be held to resolve the conflict, *after consequences have been applied*.
- Community conferencing is offered to families to address long-standing community conflict.

What are the consequences for students who bring firearms to schools?

- **A minimum of a one year expulsion**
- Reassignment to alternative programs
- Arrests/criminal charges issued, when appropriate, by the Baltimore County Police Department.

I also want to remind our parents and guardians of the importance of setting positive examples at home and in the community. The behaviors we model at home and values we instill in our children have tremendous impact on the schoolhouse. We know that many of our school safety issues stem from unresolved community conflict and are often amplified on social media. We call on parents to [limit or monitor student social media](#) and cellphone use, join with the school community to provide a positive presence and to share safety concerns directly with school leaders who will ensure they are addressed quickly.

I encourage you to connect with your child's school. Joining the parent teacher student association, volunteering, and/or attending school events are just some of the many ways you can participate. To make a difference at the community level, please consider attending [area educational advisory council](#) meetings or joining a council. There are also councils or committees focused on [career and technology education](#), [gifted and talented education](#), and [special education](#).

In addition, we invite parents to learn more about [BCPS Parent University](#). In collaboration with many partners, Parent University offers online resources, in-person and online workshops, and a mobile parent resource center to support parents in nurturing their children's success. Follow Parent University at @BCPSParentU on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

Thank you for your partnership and support.



Dates to Remember

February 2024

Monday 5

- Report Cards distributed

Tuesday 6

- Math Night! 6:00 pm

Wednesday 7

- 100th Day of School Celebration

Friday 9

- Systemwide Professional Development Day - Schools Closed for Students

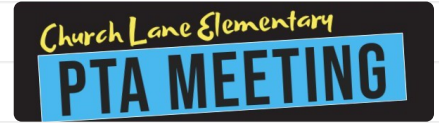
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- President's Day/ Washington's Birthday - Schools and Offices closed



Changes in Dismissal Plans

When you have a change in the way your child goes home at the end of the school day, please contact the main office or your child's teacher. If the school has not received communication from the parent, the child will go home the regular way agreed to by the parent at the start of the school year. Thank you.



Get Involved!

- Find out how you can join the PTA!
- Support student growth and learning
- Support teachers
- Build our school
- Find ways to volunteer

Let's Celebrate the 100 Day of School



The 100th day of school is coming up, Church Lane will be celebrating the 100th day of school on **February 7th, 2024**. We would like to invite students to dress up like they are 100 years old. Get creative with glasses, hair, and outfits. It is going to be lots of fun.



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Report Cards

Report Cards will be sent home on Monday, February 5th. Please review your child's report card, sign the envelope and send it back to school so they can be used for next marking period's report.

Keep the report card at home for your records. You may view your child's report card on line as well. Thank you!



**After-School Clubs
Dismissal**



**Outside Deliveries for
Student Lunches**

*If you have your child's lunch
delivered by a delivery*



If you have a student participating in an after-school club, please be sure that they can be picked up by an adult at the end of the session. **We will not release children to walk home in the dark.** Please contact the teacher in charge of the club and let them know who will be picking up your child. We want to keep all students safe. Thank you.

company such as Door Dash or a restaurant, please give the driver your Child's name. The drivers leave the food in the main office and do not know the name of the child who gets the food. The office cannot get the food to the child for lunch if we do not have a name. Thanks so much for helping !

Dressing for Cold Weather

As the weather changes, please be sure that students have cold weather gear. We will have outdoor recess unless the temperature advisory recommends that we stay inside. Coats, hats and gloves are recommended for students to stay warm. If you have need of any of these items, please contact the main office. Thank you!

Update Your Contact Information

If you have a new phone number for work or home, please come to the main office to update your information! Also, if you have family members or friends picking up your child in emergency situations, please put that adults name and number on the contact list for easy verification as a part of our safety procedures. Thank you so much.



