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# Caledonia Community Schools

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Dear Parents & Caledonia Community Schools,

I hope that everyone is able to enjoy some quality time with your loved ones during this summer break. I realize that summer has just begun but I wanted to take a moment to provide some key information to our school community in preparation for the upcoming school year.

## School Start Times:

In an effort to diffuse the traffic congestion around the secondary buildings, we will implement slight alterations to the start and end times of several schools beginning this fall. The start and end time changes are:

### **19-20 Building Start Times**

Building	Old Start Time	Old End Time	New Start	New End Time	Building	Old Start Time	Old End Time	New Start	New End Time
CHS	7:45 am	2:37 pm	7:50 am	2:42 pm	Emmons Lake	8:45 am	3:40 pm	8:50 am	3:45 pm
Duncan Lake MS	7:40 am	2:30 pm	7:40 am	2:30 pm	Kettle Lake	8:40 am	3:35 pm	8:45 am	3:40 pm
Kraft Meadows MS	7:40 am	2:30 pm	7:40 am	2:30 pm	Paris Ridge	8:45 am	3:40 pm	8:50 am	3:45 pm
Caledonia El	8:45 am	3:43 pm	8:50 am	3:45 pm	ECC	8:35 am	3:25 pm	8:40 am	3:30 pm
Dutton Elementary	8:45 am	3:40 pm	8:50 am	3:45 pm					

## High School Parking Lot Changes:

The high school will be implementing an assigned parking plan for student drivers this fall. The details of this new parking plan will be communicated directly with all high school students and parents in the upcoming weeks and again during the high school registration days before the start of school.

Currently, our high school serves over 1500 students with only 586 student parking slots. With our new plan, we will increase the student parking slots to 620. These slots will be offered through a pay for parking lottery system. In order to make this system work the following projects are already underway this summer:

- Numbering the parking slots this summer;
- Adding additional signage for traffic direction and clarity;
- Updating and adding parking lot security cameras;
- Adding speed bumps in various locations within the parking lot and traffic lanes around the high school, and
- Changing the parent pick-up/drop-off location for high school students.

Again, all high school students and parents will receive additional detailed information directly from the high school in the upcoming weeks and during the high school registration dates on August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

Additional Items of Note:

If you were able to attend any of the four community conversations this past spring, recent board meetings or perhaps read various articles in the fall Cal Communicator or the local Sun and News, you are likely aware of our new five-year strategic direction. Our new district strategic plan was developed through a broad array of input from students, parents, staff and community members. With an abundance of rich dialogue and input over the school year we have developed a new strategic vision of “Cultivating Agile Learners who are empowered with 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills.” In order to bring this vision to life, we are making several notable reinvestments into various components of our teaching and learning environment, as well as working hard to improve our overall district operations in order to provide a safe, positive and high-quality school experience for all students. Starting this fall some of our more notable strategic investments are:

- Adding another full-time literacy coach to help support primary classroom teachers in preparing our students to be proficient in reading by third grade
- Increasing Sp. Education Teaching staff (+1.3 positions) to better support IEP needs
- Adding a full-time dean of students (shared between both middle schools) to help in our efforts of continual improvement of school safety and the promotion of positive behavior for students
- Increasing (.5 position) the student support specialists team to support district-wide efforts to support the social/emotional needs of students and promotion of positive behavior programs
- Implementing STEM curriculum and program for all students, beginning with middle school
- Adding an additional band teacher to support band/music at the secondary buildings
- Purchasing new high school band uniforms
- Increasing support (.5 position) of strength and conditioning training for high school athletes
- Increasing athletic budget directed towards reducing the pay-to-participate fees for high school athletes as well as providing more support for club sports
- Increasing budgetary support for career tech, curriculum materials, and supplies for teachers and technology equipment for students and staff

While this is not an exhaustive list, I hope it certainly provides some insight into the various areas that we are investing in the overall improvement of our educational programs and supports for the students and staff in Caledonia Community Schools.

Look out for more information later this summer/fall with regards to other aspects of our strategic plan development, an upcoming Headlee override millage, potential bond, and other exciting opportunities to help our school community grow and improve! Enjoy your summer break.

Sincerely,



Dr. Dedrick Martin  
Superintendent  
Caledonia Community Schools