



# Climax-Scotts Community Schools

Where Students Are More Than A Test Score!

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Hello C-S Elementary Families and Guardians,

We have finished the first full week of school and we are all so happy to be back together and working with your kiddos again! Thank you for supporting us as we navigate a new year together to make it the best school experience for all.

## COMMUNICATION:



### SchoolStatus

This company name replaces ClassConnect and we will be utilizing it again this year. We are experiencing a few technical difficulties with getting class rosters uploaded so it is currently not ready to have parents sign in.

Please know our tech team is working hard every day to correct the issues and we will let you know once it is ready! For now, please contact your kiddo's classroom teacher at [firstname.lastname@csschools.net](mailto:firstname.lastname@csschools.net) or call the office at 269-497-2102 and we will help you.

## TESTING:

As many of you know, in addition to the Spring State MSTEP testing for Michigan, we also administer screeners in math and reading three times each year. Fall testing is currently underway.



## WHY DO WE SCREEN THREE TIMES PER YEAR?

The reason we do this in addition to the weekly formative “checks for understanding” and chapter quizzes, is so teachers can use the results to help drive instruction and plan lessons. We do not want to just “move through the curriculum standards” with the hope that each student understands and learns the concepts taught. Our goal is to meet our students where they are at and provide further small group or whole group instruction as needed. All students receive a 30-minute block of WIN, or “**What I Need**”, no matter if they test below grade level, at grade level or above grade level.



As a Title 1 school, we utilize funding to hire and train para supports so they can assist teachers with specific, ongoing, lesson intervention each day. We use the screeners and weekly checks to determine when students are able to move into another group to receive what they need. We are very fortunate to have many para supports, plus a full time Literacy Coach/Title 1 Coordinator, Mrs. MacVicar, and a one day per week math coach, Mrs. Paige-Gruber, to assist paras, teachers, and students with helping our kiddos get what they need!

If any parent would like to see the specific intervention materials we use, reach out to the office and we can give you a walk-through the materials. Additionally, Mrs. MacVicar will be reaching out soon to invite parents into a Title 1 information evening to learn more about how we are helping at school, and how you can help at home!

### REGISTRATION:

If you have not received an email from Mrs. Selby on how to register your kiddo online through "Final Forms", please call the office at 269-497-2102.



### CONSTRUCTION:



#### Construction Update:

If you have seen the outside of the building lately, you've seen that the building construction of the new gym and lower el wing is underway! We are so excited to see the progress and can't wait for next year!

### DISMISSAL:

Thank you for your patience as our team has worked these past few weeks to learn to match your cars with your kiddos. This week we have reached our goal of emptying the building pick-ups within 11 minutes of dismissal -thank you, parents, for assisting with and trusting the process. Thank you, dismissal team, for your rockstar job at working so hard to get our students quickly out the door and safely in to cars! --Much work goes on behind the scenes to make the dismissal flow smoothly, from making sure staff inside and outside the building have walkies, the teachers dismiss on time to walk buses out, drop pickups to their lines, and walkers to the stage. This is a coordinated effort by the entire team and we are always working on improving the process. We changed the Kinders so instead of them waiting in lines in the gymnasium, their teachers have them wait in the hallway just inside the parking lot dismissal doors. This assists with the line moving a bit quicker for all.



Our **start time is 8:40** and our **dismissal time is 3:45**.

Drop off and dismissal procedures will remain as they have been for the past few years. Drop off the students from grades 3-5 at the parking lot door grades K-2 at the front door.

Have a fabulous weekend!

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