



# Clark Public Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is difficult to believe that the month of July has already passed and that we are now at the start of August. I hope that you and your families are using this summer to find some time to relax and recharge. The most remarkable aspect of being an educator is that each September we get to start anew, building on the strengths of the past but making the necessary adjustments to become even stronger as we move ahead. I am beyond excited by the thought of a new school year beginning.

I would be remiss if I did not thank our twelve-month and ten-month/two-week administrators and support staff for all of their diligent work this summer. Their efforts are a central reason why we will be ready for a successful opening. Our maintenance team led by Mr. John Pingor is deserving of a special acknowledgement for their preparation of our buildings and grounds. They engage in projects throughout the year so that our students and staff are provided with enhanced facilities. The importance of this physical upkeep of our schools should never be devalued.

Schools will reopen for students on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> with a regular schedule. This first day of school is always a most special one and one that we, as a school district, are excited for. The various arrival and dismissal times for our schools can be found on our district website at the following link: [Clark Schools Arrival and Dismissal Times](#). I look forward to seeing you early in the school year at our Back-to-School Nights. VRS's is scheduled for Monday, September 24; ALJ's for Tuesday, September 25; FKH's for Wednesday, September 26; CHK's for Thursday, September 27; and CPA's for Monday, October 1.

**Our district has recently upgraded its student data management system by implementing the Genesis software interface. This program is a versatile one that should greatly enhance communication between our school district and families by, for example, being inclusive of an updated Parent Portal. In order to begin the process of registering with the program, please go to <https://parents.genesisedu.com/clark>. In order to log into the system, use the email address where your child(ren)'s report cards have previously been sent as your username. If you are new to our district, use the email address(es) that you provided on the registration paperwork. For your password, enter: clark1234. Kindly know that you will be able to change your password and other information, including your email address(es), after you initially log in. A Genesis user guide will be sent to the email account attached to your login information as well. This year we will again be using email as the primary mode of sending written communication home throughout our district. As a result, please make certain that your email address(es) is/are kept current and updated within the Genesis system.**

Kindly note that it is recommended that parents/guardians do not share their login information



**with their children. Students in grades five to twelve will have accounts of their own to access their records, schedules, and other information. They too can access their Genesis accounts by visiting the same link that was provided above but by entering the six-digit student identification numbers connected to their school email accounts as their usernames. They should also enter the same default password: clark1234.**

**This new system will be ready for you to access beginning Wednesday, August 15. If you or your children have any questions or trouble logging in, please reach out to our district Genesis help desk at [genesis@clarkschools.org](mailto:genesis@clarkschools.org).**

Know that we, as an administrative team, have an open-door policy and are here to address any concerns that you may have throughout the course of the school year. In closing, it is my hope that you enjoy what is left of the summer season.

Respectfully yours,

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