

August 8, 2019

Dear Parents,

Below you will find some important information about the opening of school, the CORI process and a policy change. This information will also be posted on our website for your reference. Enjoy these beautiful days of summer! I look forward to seeing all of you soon!

Peace & Prayers,

Mrs. Massoud

#### CORI Process

Please refer to <https://ascsnb.org/safe-environment-requirements> for the documents and requirements for all volunteers. In brief:

- Volunteers must complete on-line training (CMG & 51A) every 6 years.
- Each year volunteers must complete a **CORI request form** which must be accompanied by a **photocopy of their license** or other acceptable ID and the **signed Code of Conduct** (last page only). *The Code of Conduct is new!* It can be found attached to this email and on the school website. For your convenience, a file containing only the last page of the document is included here.

#### Footwear Policy Change

After many discussions with parents, the ASCS Parent Group and the ASCS Advisory Board, we have decided to make a change in our footwear policy. Beginning this fall – as an *option* to dress shoes - black sneakers/athletic shoes may be worn with the regular school uniform (shorts, pants and skirts). At this time all students are still required to wear dress shoes on Fridays with the dress uniform, beginning September 6<sup>th</sup>. The following policies apply for black sneakers/athletic shoes:

- Must be all black with black edging on the sole – no additional colors or decorations, “white walls”, sequins, lights, sounds or rollerblades. Brand symbols are acceptable.
- May be lace up (black laces), Velcro, “slip on” that covers the top of the arch, “Mary Jane”(strap across arch) or t-strap - no ballet flats, mules (open back) or high tops.
- Must have an actual athletic/sneaker type sole – no “Nufoot”, slippers, water shoes
- Must present a clean and neat appearance as they are a part of the school uniform.

If in doubt about a purchase, snap a picture and send it to the principal! Parent and student cooperation with these requirements will determine the future of this change, and *possibly* allow for the option for use with the dress uniform in the 20-21 school year.

The full amended footwear policy will be posted on the website in the coming week with some examples.

#### Uniforms

- Please watch school calendar for spirit / non-uniform day notices – these will also be posted in Weekend Communicators. The first two weeks are a mix of regular & spirit uniform days.
- Fridays are always full dress uniform days with dress shoes– sweaters are not worn until after Columbus Day.
- If you have uniforms that have been outgrown, please consider donating them to the school. Used uniforms, as well as ASCS t-shirts and ASCS logo gym shorts will be on sale at the Meet & Greet on August 25 as well as all Required Parent Meetings.

#### Coding With Kids Computer Programming

- 8 week after school program in two sections (K – 2) and (3- 6)
- See attached flier for pricing and registration – made directly with the company

#### Cafeteria Service & Extended Care – August 27 - 30

- Cafeteria services will begin with lunch on Tuesday, Aug 27. Please be sure your student eats breakfast at home, as food is no longer allowed in Grade 1 – 8 classrooms.
- Lunch is available for students remaining for Extended Care, but must be ordered during morning homeroom.
- Extended Care is available 6:30 am – 5:30 pm.
- Due to 11:30 dismissals during the entire first week, those remaining for Extended Care are charged a flat rate of \$10 until 2:30 pm, when regular hourly rates resume.

#### Important Middle School Info

- Beginning Wednesday, August 28, breakfast for Grades 5 – 8 will be available in the cafeteria beginning at 7:40 am. No food may be consumed in the middle school building before school or during homeroom. Middle school students have the option of going to the cafeteria or reporting directly to homeroom.
- On Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup>, grades 5 – 8 will be participating in a STEM Education Day field trip to Fenway Park which includes the first two hours of Red Sox vs. San Francisco Giants baseball game. Cost of the trip is \$35 per person – two chaperones will be needed per class. This will be an extended day as the bus will leave ASCS at 8 am and be returning approximately 4:30 pm. Permission slips will be distributed to students during the first week of school and are due no later than September 5<sup>th</sup>!

#### ASCS Parent Group

We are pleased to announce that Kathy Souza and Stephanie Graves will co-chair the ASCS Parent Group this year. The Parent Group is open to any parents interested in planning activities and fundraising, and also has representatives from each class who serve as resource persons for other parents. Traditionally Parent Group Meetings have been one Monday evening each month, however we are conducting a

Doodle Poll to allow input on the best night for those who would like to participate in the group! The link is <https://doodle.com/poll/h4mfviv84redmyq9>

#### Reminders from July mailing

- Update your information on Renweb /FACTS SIS and return the completed Family & Emergency Info form by August 15
- Please return Activities Sign Up form as soon as possible, but no later than August 30<sup>th</sup>
- IXL assignments are due completed by August 16!
- School supply lists may be found at: <https://ascsnb.org/supply-lists>
  - School supplies may be dropped off:
    - August 22, beginning 5:30 pm – New Family Orientation & P3, P4, K Class meetings – please label personal supplies
    - August 25, 5 – 7 pm, Ice Cream Social Meet & Greet – please label personal supplies
    - Class and Community Supplies only – personal supplies should be sent to school with student by August 27<sup>th</sup> opening day!
      - August 28, beginning at 5:30 pm – Mandatory Parent Meeting Gr 1 – 4, 6 pm
      - September 4, beginning at 6 pm – Mandatory Parent Meeting Gr 5 – 8, 6:30 pm
  - If you are mailing supplies directly to school, kindly email Mrs. Massoud /Mrs. Camara with details or note student's name with vendor information on the shipment. We have received some "nameless" personal student supplies, as well as community supplies from Amazon and office vendors.