



CHICAGO WORLD LANGUAGE ACADEMY

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Happy September!

September 4, 2023

Dear CWLA Community,

Happy September! We hope you had a restful Labor Day weekend and ready for week 3!

In this week's school updates are school information. Make sure to scroll all the way to the bottom of this newsletter to ensure you received all important information.

School-wide Documents

The links to important school policies and procedures can be found below in **blue print**. Please read each one in its entirety to ensure a safe and enjoyable school year.

- [CWLA Student-Parent Handbook](#)
- [School Events Calendar](#)
- [Lunch and Recess Schedule](#) *1st-8th graders will drop home lunch in the cafeteria bin upon entry*
- [Entry & Dismissal Procedures](#)
- [Emergency Plan for Students and Parents](#)
- [CWLA Attendance Plan](#)
- [Cell Phone Policy](#) - *all devices including AirPods must be turned off and inside backpacks before entry*
- [Dress Code](#) - **no open toe shoes or slides**
- [K-3rd Grade Digital Safety Policy](#)
- [4th-8th Grade Digital Safety Policy](#)
- [School Meals & Nutrition](#) - *daily menu information can be found here*

Important TO DO list for Parents

- Submit all beginning of the year forms to your child's teacher
- Pay for student fees - You can pay online via [Jet Pay](#)
- Sign-up for ASPEN Parent Portal aspen.cps.edu to access your child's grades and other important information
- Sign-up for parent/student/teacher conferences (during Curriculum Night or email homeroom teacher)
- Sign-up to volunteer for school-wide events in the atrium
- Complete this [DAD's Club Sign Up Form](#) to volunteer and join Dads Club events
- RSVP for [Dad's Pizza Night Sign Up](#) on Thursday, September 7 at 5:30 PM

- Sign-up for Weekly School Updates -click [here](#) to sign-up

Don't forget to visit our school website

www.chicagoworldlanguageacademy.cps.edu and follow

@ChicagoWorldLanguageAcademy on Facebook and @CWLAprincipal on Twitter.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions. Have a fantastic 3rd week of school!

Be safe and well.

Best,

Dr. Rebolledo

Principal

msrebolledo@cps.edu

Celebrations!



Thank you to parent volunteer Ms. Kerrie White who has been helping us welcome students each morning! We appreciate your care, dedication, and enthusiasm!



CWLA has the best parents! Thank you Dads Club members Victor, Daryl, TJ, Memo, Sri, Carlo, Thanh, Steve, Carlos, Alex, and Saul, not to mention a couple of Moms Gretchen and Nelly, for your presence and support during morning drop-off! Your warm and familiar faces every morning makes our drop-offs fun, safe, and orderly. We appreciate you!



We are excited to soon launch our new website! Thank you Jeff for coming to film and sharing footage with our students! They were so amazed! Special thanks to Ms. Anguiano and Ms. Bracy for your hard work and leadership in this development process.

Family Engagement Opportunities

Curriculum Night

We look forward to our families participating in Curriculum Night. Teachers will be discussing classroom expectations, curriculum, grading policy,



etc. See below for grade level date and time of the meeting. Please reach out to your child's homeroom teacher if you have any questions.

9/5 - 7th/8th Grade Curriculum Night at 4:30 PM

9/6 - 4th Grade Curriculum Night at 3:30 PM

9/7 - 5th/6th Grade Curriculum Night at 4:30 PM

9/11 - 3rd Grade Curriculum Night at 5:00 PM



Friends of CWLA Meeting

Please join us for first meeting on **Wednesday, September 6 at 4:30 PM in the Library**. Click [HERE](#) for the Agenda. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents, learn about school events, and ways to get involve. We will be presenting a draft of our Curriculum Improvement Work Plan 2024-26. Hope to see you there!

DADS CLUB

Dads Club Pizza Night

Please join Dads Club for Pizza Night on **Thursday, September 7 at 5:30 PM in the cafeteria**. Learn more about upcoming events, ways to volunteer, etc. Please RSVP no later than Wednesday, September 6 in this [Dad's Pizza Night Sign Up](#) link.

Local School Council Meeting

Please join us for regular meeting on **Friday, September 8 at 8:00 AM in the cafeteria**. We will present the final draft of the Curriculum Improvement Work Plan (CIWP) 2024-26 for LSC approval. The [Agenda](#) will be updated and posted on our school website www.chicagoworldlanguageacademy.cps.edu.

Local School Councils (LSCs) is comprised of parents, community, educational, and student members that serve as a governing body for each district-managed school in CPS. There is a parent member and community member vacancy in the CWLA Local School Council.

Please visit cps.edu/lsc and click [here](#) to download the relevant application forms or pick them up from our main office beginning August 14. **Deadline to submit your completed application and supporting documentation is Friday September 8 at 3:00 PM.**

For inquiries of additional information, please email msrebollo@cps.edu.



GoCPS High School Application Updates

Our school Counselor, Ms. Kordas, will be hosting an information session on **Tuesday, September 12 at 8:00 AM** to go over High School Applications and the GoCPS process. The timeline for 8th grade application is below:

GoCPS Applications open: **Wednesday, September 13 at 10 AM**

High School Admissions Test: **Wednesday, October 11 at 9 AM**

You're invited to our

Parents Night Out



September 15th at 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
The Embassy Public House
1435 W. Taylor St, Chicago, IL 60605

Drink Specials

Titos Mules / Mixed	\$8.00
Titos Cocktails	\$8.00
19 Crimes (Red Blend / Sav Blanc)	\$8.00
Czechvar	\$8.00
Estrella Damm Draught Imported Lager Pints	\$8.00

Light appetizers courtesy of FOCWLA will be available until supplies run out.

50/50
1 Ticket for \$5 | 5 Tickets for \$20
Winner must be present!



RSVP - focwlapresident@gmail.com by September 13th

Parents Night Out

Please join us for our CWLA Parents Night Out on **Friday, September 15 from 6-9 PM** at The Embassy Public House located 1435 W. Taylor Street. This is a great opportunity to meet and mingle with other CWLA parents. Thank you to FoCWLA for sponsoring this event!



CWLA International Dinner

Thursday, September 28th
5:30 – 7:00 PM



September 5, 2023

Dear CWLA Families,

The Friends of CWLA and the World Language Department would like to invite you to the Annual International Dinner Event. It will be held on **Thursday, September 28, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. – 7PM**, in the cafeteria. **All students and families are invited to attend!**

To celebrate the diversity of our school and community, we ask that families contribute a dish that is representative of their culture or personal family history. Please bring the course that corresponds to your child's grade below:

K, 3rd, 6th Grade—Main Dish **1st, 4th, 7th Grade—Side Dish** **2nd, 5th, 8th Grade—Dessert**

Please bring enough to serve 12–15 people. WE SUGGEST YOU BRING YOUR COURSE IN A DISPOSABLE SERVING DISH, ALONG WITH DISPOSABLE SERVING UTENSILS, AND LABEL YOUR DISH INCLUDING INGREDIENTS. **WE WILL NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO HEAT DISHES OR KEEP THEM COLD.**

Please note:

- If you have a child in more than one of these grades, feel free to choose only one course to bring.
- Please send in your RSVP. This helps us to plan the event more successfully and efficiently.
- The event is for CWLA students and their families only. We ask that you do not invite friends or neighbors, as our space is limited.
- Please help. We are in need of volunteers. Please sign up below if you are able to help us. Thank you.

International Dinner RSVP

If attending, please return this bottom portion to your child's teacher by Tuesday, September 12th.

Student Name/s: _____

Parent Name/s: _____

Email & Phone #: _____

We are in need of volunteers for the time listed below. Please check below if you are able to volunteer.

Set Up (5 PM – 5:30 PM) **Clean Up (7PM – 7:30 PM)** **DURING EVENT**

If have any other questions, please contact us. We look forward to seeing you and your family for a wonderful evening of delicious food and conversation!

Sincerely,

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International Dinner

Please join us for our CWLA International Dinner on **Thursday, September 28 from 5:30-7:00 PM in the cafeteria**. To celebrate the diversity of our school and community, we ask that families contribute a dish that is representative of their culture or personal family history (details to follow). Thank you to FoCWLA and our World Language department for sponsoring this event!

**This event is for families of CWLA students only. All students must be accompanied by their parent/guardian.*

COVID UPDATES

Here is the Updated Guidance for Positive COVID Cases & Close Contacts:

- Positive CPS students/ staff COVID-19 cases should be reported via **THIS FORM** and isolate for at least 5 days after the positive test
- If symptom-free after day 5, students and staff can return to school and have to be masked for 5 days upon return.
- Close contacts are NOT required to mask after exposure, but it is HIGHLY ENCOURAGED for 10 days following exposure.
- Whole class is close contact
- Close contacts will get rapid take-home tests

ASPEN Parent Portal

Chicago Public Schools utilizes the Aspen system. Aspen is the Student Portal where 1st -8th grade parents can access grades and attendance, historical data, graduation requirements, student fees, etc.

Students:

Existing Student Portal accounts are automatically transferred to Aspen.
The new Student Portal URL is aspen.cps.edu and you will use your CPS username (not your email address) and password to log in.

Parent/Caregivers:

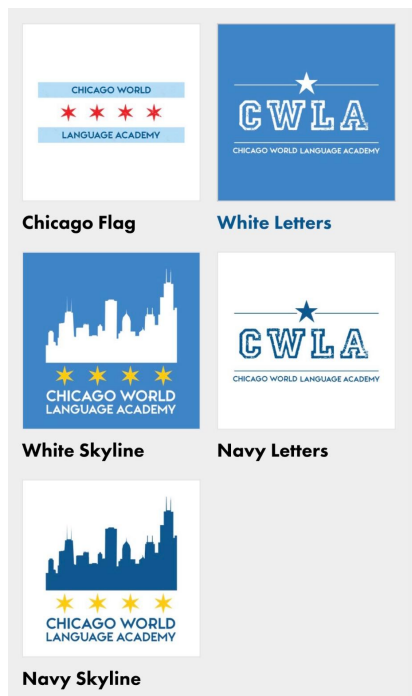
Use the Parent Portal to easily and conveniently check grades, attendance, and other information about your student's progress. **Parents who are interested in creating a portal account for the first time must confirm the following.**

- You are listed as a contact for your student(s) in the current Student Information System, and
- You have an up-to-date email address in the current Student Information System

Assuming the above items are complete, you will receive an email that will start the sign up process. To sign-up for Parent Portal, please contact Ms. Burger and provide your up-to-date email address and request a Parent Portal account in Aspen. Once parent contact information has been verified by the student's school, parents will receive a signup email from Aspen. If you don't receive the sign-up email, we recommend checking your Spam folder. If you are unable to locate the email, please contact Ms. Burger pburger@cps.edu for assistance.

Click [here](#) for the student and parent resources page for more information regarding account sign-up instructions and support.

ORDER YOUR SPIRIT WEAR!



Show your CWLA school pride! Online orders for CWLA t-shirts, long sleeve shirts, pullover sweatshirts, etc. are now available for the entire family. Student school Spiritwear Days are Thursdays!

Order your Spiritwear today! Here is the link: <https://cwla.threadless.com/>

Volunteer Process

We look forward to welcoming back our parent volunteers this coming school year. Please note the following protocol:

If you are a first time volunteer please log onto [CIVICORE](#) and fill



out an online application form.

There are 2 types of volunteers:

Level 1 volunteer - Parent or guardian volunteering over 10 hours a week , non parent volunteering over 5 hours a week and volunteer coaches. If you need to be approved as a Level 1 volunteer please contact Ms. Burger and she will go over the process with you.

Level 2 volunteer - Parent or guardian chaperone with a CPS employee, academic judge and parent volunteer under 10 hours a week. If you would like to apply to be a Level 2 volunteer please fill out the application on the **CIVICORE** website. After you have filled out the application, Ms. Burger will need to approve it by seeing your state ID or passport. This can be done by email or by visiting the office between 8 AM - 2 PM.

Returning volunteers- If you are not already approved for the 22/23 school year and you would like to be a Level 2 volunteer, you will need to request the re-approval by

1. Log in to your application on the **CIVICORE** website
2. Select applications
3. Select add new application on the right hand side
4. Under schools and organizations please choose Chicago World Language Academy ES
5. Complete application and submit

After you have made the request, Ms. Burger will need to approve it by seeing your state ID or passport. This can be done by email or by visiting the office between 8 AM - 2 PM.

Please contact Ms. Burger if you have any questions: Peggy Burger at PBURGER@CPS.EDU

Staff Contact Information

The CWLA faculty and staff are here to support you. Our staff contact information can be found below.

Main Office

Dr. Rebolledo, Principal - msrebolledo@cps.edu

Ms. Basile, Assistant Principal - cfbasile@cps.edu

Ms. Kempster, Clerk - mkmoradi@cps.edu

Ms. Burger, Enrollment/Community Representative - pburger@cps.edu

Ms. Kordas, Counselor - mkordas@cps.edu

Ms. Sachdev, Social Worker - adramaswamy@cps.edu

Mr. Hernandez, Case Manager - mghernandez10@cps.edu

Ms. Gallagher ELL Coordinator / Bilingual Spanish - mfgallagher@cps.edu

Homeroom

Room 101 – Ms. Jones, Kindergarten - hmjones@cps.edu

Room 102 – MS. Zidzik, Kindergarten - azidzik2@cps.edu

Room 200 – Ms. Kiken, 1st grade - afkiken@cps.edu

Room 202 – Ms. Price, 1st grade - mnprice@cps.edu

Room 208 – Ms. K. Nelson, 2nd grade - knelson42@cps.edu

Room 210 – Ms. Gayman, 2nd grade - sgayman@cps.edu
Room 204 – Ms. Andrewsavage, 3rd grade - sdolton-webe@cps.edu
Room 206 – Ms. Exposito, 3rd grade - smjones33@cps.edu
Room 314 – Ms. Anguiano, 4th grade ELA/Social Studies
- mmanguiano@cps.edu
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Room 300 – Ms. Haines, 5th/ 6th Science - ghaines1@cps.edu
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Room 302 – Mr. Harkins, 5th/ 6th Math - RHarkins1@cps.edu
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Room 312 – Ms. Patel, 7th / 8th ELA - npatel-lordis@cps.edu
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Ms. Wolfe, LPN - slwolfe@cps.edu
Ms. D'Astice, Speech Pathologist - ajdastice@cps.edu
Mr. Mirolli, Psychologist - camiroballi@cps.edu

Important Dates



Please note the following important dates and events:

September 4 - Labor Day (School closed)

September 5 - 7th/8th Grade Curriculum Night at 4:30 PM

September 6 - 4th Grade Curriculum Night at 3:30 PM, Friends

of CWLA meeting at 4:30 PM

September 7 -5th/6th Grade Curriculum Night at 4:30 PM, Dads Club Pizza

Night 5:30-6:30 PM

September 8 - LSC Meeting at 8:00 AM in the Library

September 11 - 3rd Grade Curriculum Night at 5:00 PM

September 12 - GoCPS Presentation for 8th grade families 8:00 AM

September 13 - GoCPS applications open at 10:00 AM

September 15 – Principal Coffee Day at 8:00 AM, Parents Night Out at The Embassy Public House located 1435 W. Taylor St. from 6-9 PM

September 21 - Q1 Progress Reports Distribution

September 28- International Dinner 5:30 -7:00 PM

***Click [here](#) for the CPS 2023-24 Elementary School Calendar. Non-student attendance dates are listed for your vacation planning purposes.*

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