

Dear Staff:

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week! We appreciate all you do to support our students and families! Below is the update that was sent to families today. Note that the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has provided us additional information on when we can end the school year for students. We will have additional information soon on when the year will end for employees soon.

Dear CPS Families:

There are several special things to celebrate this week. It's Teacher Appreciation Week and it's CPS Spirit Week!

Please join us in thanking our 1,500+ CPS teachers for their compassion, dedication, and hard work. Additionally, CPS students have organized a virtual spirit week. This was entirely conceived by CPS students. We hope you will participate. Here's the schedule:

Monday: PJ Day

Tuesday: Vacation Day (your ideal vacation)

Wednesday: Fancy Day

Thursday: Jersey Day (wear your favorite jersey or sports apparel)

Friday: School Spirit Day (school colors/represent your school)

You can share your photos with the hashtag #CPSspiritweek and follow along on the Twitter feed @CPSspiritweek.

Below is the Monday update on operations in Columbia Public Schools:

Academics & Schools

- The district has received information from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and has determined the **last day of the 2019-20 school year for students will be May 21**.
- Graduation information was sent to seniors and their families this morning. The district plans to hold multiple in-person small ceremonies in compliance with re-entry guidelines for mass gatherings in late July.
- **Summer school** registration information was sent to secondary families today for those wishing to take online courses for credit advancement or credit recovery in June or July. **Registration update information** for the 2020-2021 school year for high school students was also sent today.
- Information on **Special Services** and frequently asked questions regarding special education for students is available on the COVID-19 website at cpsk12.org/COVID19. Special Services is also working on options for Extended School Year (ESY), however no decisions have been made at this point in time.
- The district is making plans for the retrieval of student **belongings left at school**. Elementary schools will be scheduling drive-by retrieval. Secondary schools will have a schedule that aligns

with mass gathering and social distancing requirements. More information will be provided as soon as plans and dates are finalized.

Food & Family Support Resources

- **Grab-and-Go** meal routes have been updated. New routes are attached and also available on our website: <https://www.cpsk12.org/cms/lib/MO01909752/Centricity/Domain/9415/Grab-and-Go%20Updated%20Routes%204-13-20.pdf>
- **Counseling and mental health** resources are also available to families: <https://www.cpsk12.org/counseling/covid-19.html>

Technology

- **CPS Device Return and Replacement:** All students currently issued devices will keep the device thru the 2020-2021 school year, with the exception of 8th graders and current seniors. Current **8th graders will keep iPads thru the summer** and upon entering high school in Fall, will receive laptops from their high school media specialists. **Senior device collection will take place at each high school and the Career Center May 21 and May 22 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.** iPads for current students grades 5-8 will be repaired and or replaced until May 31st. If a student has an issue after this date, the student will bring in the device when school resumes in the fall for a replacement device.
- Resources: [cpsk12.org/covid19/technology](https://www.cpsk12.org/covid19/technology).
- Forgot your ID: <https://web.cpsk12.org/cpsonline/familyupdate/familyupdate.php#!>
- Forgot your password: <https://launchpad.classlink.com/resetpassword?scode=CPSFamilies>
- The district is planning for what device return and exchange will look like for seniors and those transitioning to middle and high school. More information will be sent to families as soon as it is available.

Please continue to follow the guidance from our local, state and federal agencies. Our COVID-19 website will continue to be updated regularly with information: www.cpsk12.org/COVID19

Stay safe and healthy! May the 4th be with you!

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