July 31, 2018

Dear Shepard Supporters,

Welcome to the start of what promises to be a fantastic school year! Everyone is working very hard to prepare for our first day of school on August 14 (August 16 for kindergartners). Summer is a wonderful time to enjoy our families. We hope you’ve spent time doing things you love with those you love. With the 50th Anniversary of our school just around the corner we have a lot of great events planned, including an anniversary celebration in April. Our theme for the school year is Celebrating our Past. Building our Future! Help us start the year off with success at Meet Your Teacher Night. This will be an opportunity to reconnect with friends, meet new people and visit the classroom.

• Meet Your Teacher Night (K-5) – August 9 from 4:30-6 p.m.
Meet Your Teacher Night is a chance to meet your child’s classroom teacher and drop off classroom supplies. You will also need to fill out a Health Summary Form for each child. If your child has asthma, we will also ask you to fill out that form. If you would like to fill out forms ahead of time, they are located under the “Family Resources” tab on our website (www.cpsk12.org/she). Also available on the website are calendars for the year, the school supply list, and a free or reduced-priced lunch application. All forms are also available in the office. Our PTSO will be providing a hotdog dinner during Meet Your Teacher Night. Additionally, your family can join PTSO for $5 during the event. Spirit Sticks will also be available for sale.

• Kindergarten Assessment
As we have done in Columbia for the past several years, our kindergarten students will begin school two days later than students in other grades. Kindergartners will begin school on August 16. Kindergarten teachers will use August 14th and 15th to individually assess their students’ beginning kindergarten skills. Parents of kindergartners can sign up for an appointment at Meet Your Teacher Night.

We are eager to see our returning Shepard Stallions, and to get to know all our new families! Our staff has made the commitment to work with each of you to help all children at Shepard reach their fullest potential. We look forward to meeting you on August 9th. Please remember that Meet Your Teacher Night is a drop-in event, so feel free to come anytime between 4:30-6 p.m. One way to be sure to stay up on all Shepard news is to connect with us on Twitter. You can follow us @SHEMediaCenter for all the latest updates. Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding the education of your child. We are here to partner with you for the success of your child.

Best,

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