



July 29, 2022

Hello Woodlands Families,

I hope you and your family are having a fabulous summer! What great weather we have had! We are super excited about the 2022-23 school year. This year we will be bringing some exciting experiences to our students such as band, choir, book clubs, instrumental music lessons, forensics and sports activities. We also will be offering more after school activities for students in the upcoming school year. More details on all of these opportunities will be shared in an upcoming communication.

Please read the information below to help you plan for the upcoming school year.

Important Back to School Information and Dates:

The 2022-23 school year will begin for students on **Tuesday, August 30, 2022**. School hours are **8:00am-3:15pm** for both campuses. (This time is a change from last school year.) A copy of the Woodlands Family Calendar can be accessed [here](#). The School Supply List for 2022-23 is [here](#).

Student Registration/Enrollment Documents- Each year there are a number of documents that we need completed for each student. These documents will be sent to you electronically by next Friday, August 5, 2022. We ask that you complete these documents electronically so your student's information will be received immediately by the school registrars.

Back to School Information Days (August 15th and 16th from 9am-5pm)- These days provide an opportunity for families to return any documents for student registration, pay student fees, get carpool numbers, learn their student's classroom teachers and meet the principal. We also will be enrolling students onsite on these days so please bring any friends or family that wish to enroll their students at Woodlands for the 2022-23 school year. **This year, Novir will be present to help families register their students for the COVID-19 testing program that occurs daily on both campuses.** (All families must re-register their students for testing for this upcoming school year.)

Woodlands Board of Trustees Meeting (August 24, 2022 at 6pm). All parents/caregivers are invited to attend the monthly Board of Trustees meetings. Come join us to learn more about Woodlands School, Inc.

Welcome Back to School Social (August 29, 2022 at 3-5pm) Join us as we welcome you and your student back to school for the new school year! This event will be held at each campus. Plan to visit the classroom, meet your child's teacher as well as hear a welcome and academic overview from the principal. We would like every family to plan to attend.

First Student Day of School (Tuesday, August 30, 2022) Welcome back to our awesome students!



Enrollment Open for New Students

Woodlands is still enrolling students for the 2022-23 school year. We have open seats at just about every grade level at both campuses. Please help us reach our enrollment goals by encouraging friends and family to enroll their K4-8th grade students at Woodlands. We know that Woodlands has an awesome community that provides top-notch learning experiences for students and great community support for families. Please have interested families reach out to your school office or visit our website at www.woodlands-school.org for more information.

COVID-19 Update

While The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) continues to work in consultation with the Department of Health Services (DHS) in support of the CDC guidance for schools, DPI is recommending a measured approach for managing COVID-19 for the 2022-2023 school year. DPI recognizes the tremendous burden mitigating and controlling the spread of COVID-19 has had on students' education, the staff responsible for implementing mitigation measures, and the effect such measures has had on families over the past two plus years.

It is recommended districts work with their local health authority, insurance carrier, and legal counsel in determining to what degree each district implements mitigation measures. While masks may not be required in schools, any individual who wishes to continue to mask, including those who face higher risk from COVID-19, will be supported in that choice.

To that end, Woodlands will implement the basics of infection prevention to mitigate the impact and spread of COVID-19 in our schools:

- Staying home (not coming to school or work) when you are ill (seeking medical attention when necessary)
- Cleaning and disinfecting classrooms, materials, and surfaces
- Providing good ventilation and air flow
- Washing hands and using good cough etiquette (using hand sanitizer if water is not available and covering your cough)
- Vaccination against vaccine preventable illnesses

[Here](#) is a copy of our COVID-19 Protocols for the 2022-23 school year. We will again be offering on-site testing for students and staff daily, at each campus. All families will need to re-register in order to take advantage of this resource. More information on registration for this service is forthcoming.

Staffing Update

The summer months are a very fluid time for staffing in schools. Staff relocate, decide to change careers and make changes that are best for them and their families. We would like to share some current staff updates with you. More information on our new staff members will be shared in an upcoming communication.



Bluemound Staffing Changes:

Principal: NEW Mrs. Elizabeth “Liz” Kayzar (Mr. Michael Pointer Mace resigned)

7th/8th Unit: Vacancy (Ms. Anne Davis resigned)

Spanish: NEW- Ms. Gabby Hill (Ms. Veronica Bellorin resigned)

State Street Staffing Changes:

5th/6th Unit: Vacancy (Ms. Melaine Zabler resigned)

Music: Vacancy (Mr. Jacob Cole resigned)

Spanish: NEW- Ms. Rachel Daun

We are in the process of interviewing candidates for the positions that are vacant. We will update families as staff are secured.

We have a number of teaching assistant positions open at both campuses as well as positions for Extension workers available. Please send any candidates to our website [here](#) to apply for any of our vacancies.

Thank you for choosing Woodlands for your students. You are an important part of our community!

Sincerely,

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