



CENTRAL BROOKLYN ASCEND LOWER SCHOOL

Reminder #3 - August 12, 2021

Please read **ALL** information below for scholar school readiness. Please complete all **DO NOW by Fri. August 13th**.

DO NOW: All families must pick-up their **Scholar Homework Folder** on one of the following dates:

- **Saturday, August 14th (10am - 2pm)**

As discussed during the mandatory family orientation this week you will receive your scholar's **dismissal passes, name tag** (must be worn the 1st week of school), **teacher information** and other important documents for school year 21-22. We will also provide assistance with set-up for the **Passport app** (daily health screening app) and the **COVID-19 testing online registration form** on Saturday.

School Year 2021-2022 Frequently Asked Questions

Who is the new Principal?

Please welcome **Ms. Katie Capella** as Central Brooklyn Ascend Lower School's *new* Principal. Ms. Katie Capella will joined the CBACS Community earlier this summer. Click on the link below to read the announcement letter.

- [NEW Principal Announcement Letter](#)

When is the first day of school?

We are actively planning for safely welcoming your children back to learning next week. While we don't know exactly what the 21-22 academic year will look like, we're planning for a number of scenarios whether that's in a physical classroom, virtual classroom, or some combination of both. **The first day of school is noted below for each grade.** Attendance is mandatory.

- **Mon. 8/16 KG & 3rd Grades ONLY; 1:00 PM DISMISSAL**
- **Tues. 8/17 - Fri. 8/20 ALL GRADES (KG - 4th); 1:00 PM DISMISSAL**
- **Mon. 8/23 First full day of school ALL GRADES (KG - 4th); 3:15 PM DISMISSAL**

What are the school hours?

The Ascend school day begins at 8:00 am and ends at 3:15 pm, Monday through Thursday. On Friday, the school day begins at 8:00 am and ends at 1:00 pm. Scholars may arrive at 7:30 am for breakfast

When do I submit my summer homework packet?

All summer homework packets must be completed and submitted to your scholar's teacher on the first day of school.

Do you offer Special Education and English as a New Language services?

Yes. Based on your scholars' Individual Education plan (IEP) our Student Service Coordinator will accommodate your scholars IEP by offering the following services: Speech, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, SETSS, Integrated Co-Teaching (ICT), Hearing Education, Speech Therapy, Counseling and Paraprofessionals. In addition, we offer ENL services for our English language learners. If you have any further questions regarding your scholars IEP please reach out Ms. Camejo, *Student Service Coordinator* at aileen.camejo@ascendlearning.org.

DO NOW: What is the arrival procedure?

Scholars must complete a **2-step COVID-19 screening daily** for building entry. **Arrival begins promptly at 7:30 am and scholars are considered late at 8:01 am.**

- **Step #1:** A parent/guardian/authorized person must complete the daily COVID-19 health screening questions via the Passport app. Please download the app by following the [video](#) or [written](#) directions. **Download the Passport app by Friday, August 13th. Please note, if you scholar does not pass the health screening questionnaire they will not be granted building access.**
- **Step#2:** After your scholar is cleared for the health screening questionnaire, a Brooklyn Ascend staff member will complete a temperature check. **Please note, if you scholar temperature is above 100.0 degrees they will not be granted building access.**

What are the additional COVID-19 guidance?

- **Mask Guidance:** all scholars, staff, families and visitors **must wear mask** for building entry
- **Meals:**
 - **K-4** scholars will eat **breakfast in classrooms**.
 - **K-4** scholars will eat **lunch in the Multi-Purpose Rooms** (MPR cafeteria) located in the cellar level.
- **Response to positive COVID-19 cases:**
 - Confirmed COVID-19 cases with staff or students will be isolated and sent home
 - Any staff or students who are identified as close contacts will be sent home to quarantine for 10 days and instructed to take a COVID-19 test
 - Disinfection and cleaning will take place in the room(s) where the positive COVID-19 person was located
 - Remote learning will take effect for all close contacts during the quarantine period
 - The school will notify the NYC Department of Health and other authorities with contact tracing
- **On-site COVID-19 Testing:**
 - We are mandated by the State to test 10% of our school population (*staff & scholars*)
 - COVID-19 testing will occur **every 2 weeks**
 - We will administer the 30-minute COVID-19 rapid test (*this test is quick, easy and painless*)
 - COVID-19 testing is **mandatory** for all staff and scholars
 - Families must complete the COVID-19 consent form - follow the directions below

**** All scholars who attended April reopening do not have to complete this registration**

DO NOW: COMPLETE THE COVID-19 TESTING CONSENT REGISTRATION - SEE DIRECTIONS BELOW:

1. Click **HERE** to create an account for your scholar
2. Click on **Sign Up**
3. Type in an active email address
4. Create a password
5. Confirm the password
6. Click **Submit**
7. An email will be sent to your email address to confirm your account
8. In the email click **Confirm my account**
9. Log into your account with the email address and password created
10. Complete **Pre-Registration form** (*with your child's information*), **sign HIPPA form** and **select Preferences**
11. You will then receive your 6-digit ID number for your scholar
12. To add siblings to your profile, click on **Add Family Member**
13. Email cbcls_ops@ascendlearning.org the 6-digit account code with your scholar(s) name(s)
14. To view future COVID-19 test results for your scholar, please save this link:
<https://app.rtesting.com/#/registration/facilities/297>
15. Click **HERE** to view the COVID-19 testing process video

What is the dismissal procedure?

Dismissal will begin at 3:15 pm. Families will receive **(4) CBACS Tigers dismissal passes**. Families must give the dismissal passes to their authorized pick-up person(s). Families must have their CBACS Bears dismissal pass for building entry and to pick-up their scholar(s). Families will enter through the main entrance doors and exit through the side doors (*located on the left and right sides of the building*).

Do you have an after-school program?

We do not offer after-school program due to our already extended school day. The REALS After School Program is a community-based program independently offering after school services to our scholars. They can be reached at (855) 275-7325 or (347) 594-5789.

DO NOW: How do I submit my scholars Lunch application form?

The school participates in the federal free breakfast and lunch program. Please visit <https://www.myschoolapps.com/> to submit your scholar(s) lunch application online form ASAP, the deadline was July 30th. **Please note we are a nut-free school - do not send any items with nuts to school with your scholar.**

The August School Meals Menu is posted on our website [here](#).

What is the deadline to submit my scholars medical form?

Please note, all scholars must have an updated medical form on file by **Friday, August 13th**. Email the completed medical form to the Operations Team at cbcls_ops@ascendlearning.org.

Will my scholar receive a laptop?

Yes, all scholars will be issued a Central Brooklyn Ascend loaned laptop for the school year. Daily instruction will incorporate online academic platforms throughout the school day.

Is there a Student Supply list?

Scholars must bring headphones and a filled water bottle to school **daily**. CBACS provides all other school supplies for the year. However, we ask families to donate \$10.00 to help replenish school supplies throughout the year. All donations can be made on the first day of school.

DO NOW: Where can I purchase the school uniform?

Central Brooklyn Ascend is a uniform school and we **require** that all of our scholars adhere to the uniform policy. Click [here](#) to review the uniform policy. The League Brand (TLB) is our online uniform vendor. Visit **the League Brand website** to place a uniform order: <http://theleaguebrand.com/CBACS>

Does the school provide transportation?

Central Brooklyn Ascend Lower School offers yellow school bus/MetroCards transportation from The Office of Pupil Transportation (OPT) to eligible scholars based on distance from home to school and grade. A [Transportation Survey](#) must be completed by this Friday, August 13th.

Where can I find the 2021-2022 School Year calendar?

Please visit our school website: <https://www.cbbs.ascendlearning.org/copy-of-2020-21-family-calendar> **to view the calendar.**

What is the best way for families to stay updated at CBACS?

- Visit the Central Brooklyn Ascend website at <https://www.cbbs.ascendlearning.org/school-year-2021-2022>.
- Email our OPS team (preferred method) at cbbs_ops@ascendlearning.org.
- Call our OPS team at 917-246-4800 - please leave a message.