



# PRINCIPAL'S CORNER School Opening

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### ADMINISTRATION

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

On behalf of the administrative team, welcome to Corporate Landing Middle School- Home of the Jets! We have been busy planning and preparing for another successful school year. Please find included in this communication a number of important items regarding the opening of school. Should you have questions, or need more information, check us out online at: <https://corporatelandingms.vbschools.com/>

We are extremely excited to see each of our students as they return to school Tuesday, September 4, 2018. Please take time to read through this important information to help prepare for the upcoming school year.

~Freddie P. Alarcon, Ed.D., Principal

### Important Dates:

**Fall Open Houses and Transition Programs:** For planning purposes, please save the following dates:

- **Grade 6 Transition Program-** Friday, August 24, 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM
- **Grade 6 Open House-** Wednesday, September 26, 6:30 PM
- **Grades 7 & 8 Open Houses-** Thursday, September 27, 6:30 PM

\*Pre-registration required for 6<sup>th</sup> grade transition program.

Please stop by to meet your son/daughter's teachers and take a tour of the school during the open houses. Please support your PTA by joining at the Open House (\$7.00 membership fee).

### 2018 – 2019 CLMS PTA Board

President	Cynthia Epling
Vice-President	Tara Keller
Secretary	TBD
Treasurer	Yelena Laratta

If you are interested in serving on the PTA Board, or assisting with the PTA, please contact Mrs. Cynthia Epling at [CLMSPTAVol@gmail.com](mailto:CLMSPTAVol@gmail.com).

**Digital Learning Anchor Initiative:** CLMS will be starting our third year as a Digital Anchor School. As a Digital Anchor School, CLMS has spent the past three years exploring how instructional technologies can best be used to assist with the implementation of personalized learning environments. As part of this initiative, all 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be distributed a Chromebook for personal use for the 2018-2019 school year. Chromebooks will be distributed during the first two weeks of school. More details to follow. For more information on our digital anchor initiative, click here: [Digital Learning Anchor Initiative](#).



### Be Social. Be Smart. Be Safe:

Virginia Beach City Public Schools is launching a new awareness

campaign: *Be Social. Be Smart. Be Safe.* The goal is to help our students and families understand what it means to be responsible digital citizens and to realize that social media posts and their impact exist forever, regardless of whether they are deleted or not. To learn more about this campaign, click here: [Be Social. Be Smart. Be Safe.](#)

### General Information:

**School Hours:** The official school day is from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM; zero bell classes start at 8:20 a.m. All students must be in their homeroom by 9:20 a.m. Students who are driven to school should arrive no earlier than 9:05 a.m., unless they have permission to attend the Morning

Homework Center.

**Morning Homework Center:** Morning Homework Center will be open from 8:10 a.m. – 9:05 a.m. each morning and will be located in the cafeteria. Participants must have a signed permission form to attend. Students attending the Morning Homework Center are expected to come prepared with work/assignments to complete. Morning Homework Center will start Monday, September 10, 2018. Permission forms will be made available during the first week of school in the main office, or in all homerooms.

**Bus Transportation:** Bus schedules will be available at the school or on the [vbschools.com](http://vbschools.com) [transportation webpage](#). Students should ride their assigned bus to and from school on the first day to become familiarized with their bus driver, bus number and stop. Students are only permitted to ride their assigned bus and are not permitted to walk or ride a bike to school as it has been deemed unsafe. Parental permission or notes to ride an alternate bus will not be accepted.

**School Pictures:** School pictures will be taken on **September 14, 2018 during PE class.** Pictures are prepaid only. Your child should dress appropriately for the occasion. Alternative arrangements will be made for students who are not enrolled in PE classes. Make-up pictures will take place November 29, 2018, during lunches. Spring photos will be taken February 27, 2019, during lunches.

**Student Planner:** Each student will be issued a student planner, at no charge to the students. The planner is intended to assist students in developing the life-long habit of effective planning and organizational skills. If lost, a \$5.00 replacement fee will be charged. Replacements may be purchased at the book store. All students are required to carry the planner daily.

**School Meal Program:** Breakfast and lunch is offered at CLMS. The breakfast charge is \$1.40 (.30 for reduced) and the charge for lunch is \$2.85 (.40 for reduced). Students must use their student I.D. number for all transactions. Parents can pay for meals online at <https://www.parentonline.net/Public/login.aspx>.

Applications for free and reduced meals were mailed to all students from the Office of Food Services in August.

Students who received free or reduced meals at CLMS or our elementary feeder schools last year will receive meals until September 30, 2018. Parents who wish to apply must fill out a new application each school year. If you do not receive an eligibility notification letter from The Office of Food Services by September 1, 2018, you need to re-apply. Parents can apply online for free and reduced meals at:

<https://mealapplications.vbcps.com/Register.aspx>.

**Breakfast in the Classroom:** CLMS students will continue to have the opportunity to start the day off with a “grab and go” breakfast as they enter CLMS in the morning. Any student who purchases breakfast will be able to eat their breakfast in the classroom during the first 10 minutes of their homeroom.

**Lockers:** Each student will be issued a locker for storage of books and personal materials. Lockers may not be shared and safeguarding locker combinations is the responsibility of the student. Backpacks with wheels are not permitted, as they do not fit in the lockers and cause congestion in the hallway during student arrival and dismissal. Student backpacks must be stored in assigned lockers throughout the school day.

**PE Uniforms:** All students will be required to change clothes for PE and wear either a school uniform (cost is \$12.00) or personal clothing that is safe and appropriate for physical activity. PE uniforms may be purchased during the first week of school during PE class. Checks should be made payable to Corporate Landing Middle School.



**Parent Portal:** Parents and guardians can access current school year information for your child's progress from any computer connected to the Internet – 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To access SchoolNet Parent Portal, go to the following site: <https://www.vbschools.com/cms/One.aspx?portalId=78094&pageId=205028>. If you need additional assistance please contact our guidance department at 648-4511. We will also be available to assist you in this process during our Open Houses in September.

**School Clinic:** If your child requires either over-the-counter

or prescription medications during the school year, we need a completed medication form signed by both physician and guardian. All prescription drugs must be brought into the clinic by an adult. Please make sure that the clinic has emergency contact data with current telephone numbers. Should your contact information change, please notify the clinic immediately. If you have to pick up your child from the clinic, you must show a photo ID. If your child ever has any health problems or is restricted from an activity because of health problems, please report these problems to the clinic. The clinic staff is here to assist you.

**Fall Extracurricular Activities:** Fall try-outs begin Monday, August 27, at 4:00 PM for football, boys and girls soccer, and One Act Play. Students in Grades 6-8 who have not reached their 15th birthday by August 1, 2018, and who are eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics, are required to have a physical examination given after May 1, 2018. Physicals will be given at CLMS on August 14, from 4:00 – 5:00 PM. Please plan to arrive no later than 4:30 PM. The cost for a school physical is \$20.00 (cash only). Only physicals completed on the Athletic Participation Consent/Physical Examination Forms will be accepted. Copies of this form can be found in the school's main office or at: [Physical Examination Form](#). Please note that the blue "School Entrance Health Forms" are not accepted as athletic physicals.

Parents must provide transportation to try-outs for the first day; students must ride the activity bus home the first day in order to be picked up on subsequent days. During the first 2 weeks, practices will end at approximately 6:00 PM each day and activity buses will depart at 6:10 PM. As far as what to bring to try-outs, please visit the school's website at [CLMS Jets Student Activities Website](#). Questions regarding student activities may be directed to Ms. Kathy Keough, Student Activities Coordinator, at 648-4500 after Monday, August 20, 2018. Team schedules can be found at: [Middle School Sports Central](#)

**Student Schedules:** Students and parents should review schedules and verify the correct assignment of subjects. Only schedule changes which are absolutely necessary due to the following reasons will be considered: (1) 2018 summer school attendance (affecting 18-19 schedules), (2) incomplete schedule, and (3) schedule conflicts. On the

first day of school, students who report to school without a schedule will report to the cafeteria to receive a copy of their schedule. Guidance and counseling services are available to all students including academic, educational, and career counseling. School Counselors may be reached at 648-4511.

**Water Bottle Filling Stations:** CLMS has five water bottle filling stations spread throughout the building, with one on each of the main grade level halls. Students may bring/use water bottles throughout the instructional day.

### **Remediation Programs**

**After School SOL Tutoring:** After school SOL tutoring will be offered after the first progress reports are issued October 9, 2018. Teachers and parents may make recommendations and students may request assistance through their respective teachers or by contacting the School Improvement Specialist, Ms. Angela Mullen, at 648-4500.

**Academic Support:** Students who fail one or more core courses per nine week period will be assigned to a mandatory academic support class; this support class will replace an elective class.

**SOL Lab:** Students who fail one or more SOL test(s) and/or who struggle academically will be identified for mandatory participation in SOL Lab, which will replace an elective. Core teachers will provide students remediation designed to improve their academic performance and prepare them for SOL tests.

### **Student Code of Conduct**

In addition to the Virginia Beach City Public Schools Code of Conduct, CLMS has established a Student Code of Conduct which is published in the student planner and will be reviewed with all students during the orientation assemblies the first week of school. The code's establishment benefits all of the students, wherein the rules and the minimum consequences for breaking rules are clearly delineated. Students know the consequences of their actions in advance, and all disciplinary actions are handled in a fair and consistent manner. Progressive disciplinary action will be enforced for students who continue to violate the Student Code of Conduct resulting

in more severe consequences. During the first week of school your child will bring home a **VBCPS Code of Student Conduct, 2018 – 2019 School Year.** Please ensure that you take the time to review this document with your child. To access the Student Code of Conduct and School Board rules and regulations please visit: [Middle School Handbook](#)

**Dress Code:** Students are expected to dress appropriately for the learning environment. Students may not wear revealing, extreme, or ostentatious clothing to school. Students who violate the dress code will be asked to call home for a change of clothes. For supervision purposes, it may be necessary to have the student wait in the Jet Intervention Room until clothes arrive. The complete dress code policy is located in the Student Planner.

### **Bring your Own Device (BYOD) and Cell Phones:**

Students may use a privately owned electronic "Internet ready" device on the VBCPS wireless network with teacher or administrator permission. However, because all students will be provided a Chromebook for the 2018-2019 school year, students will not be asked to bring their devices to class for instructional purposes. Therefore, students should keep their cell phones and other electronic devices locked in their lockers for safe keeping. For more details on BYOD and cell phone use, please refer to the [Bring Your Own Device Guidelines](#) at VBSchools.com.

### **Important Forms**

During the first week of school, your child's homeroom teacher will distribute materials which students should present to you. Please ensure that the following forms are completed and returned:

- Parent Acknowledgement Form/Student Digital Device Agreement
- Parent Release for Interviewing, Photographing, video and audio taping
- Student Emergency Data Update Form
- Race and Ethnicity Identification Form
- PTA Membership
- PTA Volunteer Form

The following forms are not to be returned and should be retained as parent information/reference:

- Clinic Visit Form
- Health Screening Letter
- Scoliosis Letter – 7<sup>th</sup> grade students only
- MySchool Mail Memorandum
- Club and Activity Brochure
- *VBCPS Code of Student Conduct, 2018 – 2019 School Year*
- Family Education Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA)
- FAMIS: Does your child have health insurance?
- Food Service Brochure
- Letter: Free and Reduced Lunch & Dental Care
- Lifetouch picture form
- Notice of Graduation Requirements
- Partner in Education
- Student Accident Insurance
- Digital Anchor Learning Laptop Letter

### **Helpful Resources:**



The official website for our School Division is located at: <https://www.vbschools.com/>



Corporate Landing Middle's website is located at: <https://corporatelandingms.vbschools.com/>

**AlertNow:** Virginia Beach City Public Schools utilizes a parent notification system – *AlertNow* – that allows the school district and the school to send important information quickly via phone and/or an e-mail account, to parents and guardians of students, about emergency situations and school delays or cancellations due to inclement weather. All parents and guardians of students enrolled in the school division are automatically enrolled.

**Parent Newsletters:** A variety of parent communications are available from the division at: <https://www.vbschools.com/cms/One.aspx?portalId=78094&pageId=338262>



**Twitter:** Stay up to date with all of the latest events and news happening at CLMS by following us on Twitter at @CLMSJets.