

## **-Chatfield School News – August 2009-**

Summer greetings to all of the Chatfield families as we embark on a new school year. The 2009-10 School Year begins for students on Tuesday, September 8, 2009. Homeroom teacher assignments are at the bottom of page four (4).

**\*\*New This Year – Classes start at 8:30 a.m., (10 minutes earlier than last year!)\*\***

### **Staff for 2009-10**

#### **Kindergarten:**

Mrs. Houghtaling and assistant, Mrs. Antonides  
Mrs. Popovici and assistant, Mrs. Allain

#### **Lower Elementary**

##### **First Grade:**

Mrs. Kobylik  
Mrs. Rieves  
Assistant, Mrs. Anderson

##### **Second Grade:**

Mrs. Boyer  
Mrs. Huestis  
Assistant, Mrs. Chalice

#### **Upper Elementary**

##### **Third Grade:**

Ms. Brueckner  
Mrs. Dunsmore  
Assistant, Mrs. Zarate

##### **Fourth Grade:**

Mrs. Logan  
Mrs. Neumann  
Assistant, Mrs. Szymanski

##### **Fifth Grade:**

Mrs. Lange  
Mrs. Wolinski  
Assistant, Mrs. Lynch

#### **Middle School**

##### **Sixth Grade:**

Mrs. Bierbusse  
Mrs. Boyle  
Assistant, Mrs. Guerra

##### **Seventh Grade:**

Mrs. Block  
Mr. Kurtz  
Assistant, Mrs. Mariconi

##### **Eighth Grade:**

Mr. Kraly  
Mrs. Pretty  
Assistant, Mrs. Raymond

Betty McCauley – School Director

Jack McCauley – School Director

#### **Other Staff:**

Mrs. Fernandez – Art  
Mrs. Krause – Music  
Mrs. Campbell - Spanish  
Mrs. Decker - German  
Mrs. Ewing - Speech  
Mrs. Leonard – Special Education  
Mr. McCreedy – Ecology Director

Mrs. Hizeberger - Library  
Mrs. Kanasty – Bookkeeping  
Mr. Schlusler - Counselor  
Mrs. Slaten – Secretary  
Mr. Sutphin - Custodian  
Ms. Jodi Smith – Before & After Daycare Manager  
Mrs. Woycik – Wee Dolphins Care Manager

#### **Office Hours**

**8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

#### **School Phone**

**(810) 667-8970**

Each teacher has an individual extension that can be reached by calling the school phone and then entering the extension number.

## **Chatfield Athletic Department:**

The new school year is right around the corner and we are so excited about the 2009-10 sports season! Listed below are the practice times for the Fall Sports. Much more information will be shared at the first practices, so please wait and ask all of your questions then.

### **Flag Football**

Open to all eligible 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Practice times before school starts: August 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 4:00-6:00 p.m.  
August 31<sup>st</sup>-Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 4:00-6:00 p.m.

After school starts on September 8<sup>th</sup> until the end of the season, practice begins after school until 5:30 p.m. Games are every Tuesday and Thursday; and practices are every Monday and Wednesday. Mouthguards are mandatory. Coach Chamberlain is in need of assistant coaches. If you are interested, please contact Jeff at (810) 441-9056.

### **Cheer Team:**

Open to all eligible 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Practice times before school starts: August 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 4:00-5:30 p.m. Meet in playground area.  
Practice times for the following week to be announced at practice. Please call Mrs. Keefe with questions at (810) 441-7676.

### **Girls' Volleyball:**

Open to all eligible 5<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls.

Practice Times before school starts: August 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls – 1:00-3:00 p.m. in gym.  
August 31<sup>st</sup>-Sept. 3 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls – 1:00-3:00 p.m. in gym

Be sure to bring your knee pads to all practices

### **Boys' Soccer:**

Open to all eligible 5<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys.

Practice Times before school starts: August 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Practice Times for the following week to be announced at practice.

Coaches are needed for all levels of soccer – 1<sup>st</sup> grade thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Please call Monica Shires if you would like to help out the Soccer Program by being a coach or assistant coach. She can be reached at (810) 441-5877.

### **Reporting Absences**

Parents are expected to call and leave a message anytime children are absent. The automated attendance line can be reached by calling the school number and listening to the options. The options include a daily school information message.

### **School Day**

**Class instruction begins promptly at 8; 30 a.m. Students are dismissed at 3:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. On Friday school ends at 2:30 p.m.** Students are ready in pick-up areas about five minutes after dismissal (3:35 on Monday thru Thursday; 2:35 on Friday). Children who arrive before 8:20 are allowed to wait in the lobby area until 8:20. Children arriving before 8:00 a.m. will be sent to the Before Daycare Program in the gym and will be required to remain until 8:20. Parents will be billed for the Daycare services.

### **Before and After School Care**

Chatfield will again be offering before and after school care for families who need this service. Please call Mrs. Slaten in the office (667-8970) if you are interested in enrolling your child or children. She can send information and enrollment forms. Daycare is provided at 6:30 a.m. before school and again after school from 3:30-6:00 p.m. The charge for this service will be **\$2.00 for ½ hour only; \$2.75 per hour for the first child, or \$2.20 per hour for additional children.**

### **H1N1 (Swine) Flu Virus Precautions**

Health experts and agencies are advising schools to implement steps to prevent the occurrence and spread of this virus. Please advise your children to practice two steps: 1) wash hands frequently; and 2) use a tissue when coughing or sneezing. At Chatfield soap is available at all sinks in the classroom and in the lavatories. With the help of parent contributions, tissue boxes are located throughout the building. The lunchtime staff is taking extra precautions to clean tables. Each classroom is supplied with disinfectant wipes and efforts are made to regularly and routinely clean surfaces of tables and school equipment, such as computers.

If the local health department arranges any flu vaccine clinics or issues any advisories, we will notify parents. If your child is exhibiting flu-like symptoms, it is important to keep the child at home until the cause has been determined and medical professionals have approved attending school.

### **Lunch at Chatfield**

At Chatfield School parents are responsible for providing a lunch for their child. Chatfield School does not participate in the federal lunch program and does not receive any funding for lunch programs. **Milk is available for sale each day. The cost is 30 cents.**

The Chatfield School Board does recognize that all parents have a busy schedule and has approved the operation of a supplementary lunch program to assist parents in providing a nutritious lunch for their children each day:

1. Microwave ovens are available and supervised for student use
2. The "Snack Shop" is open each day and maintains an assortment of pre-packaged sandwich items and other lunch supplemental items such as fruit, cakes, and food bars
3. Special entrée days (usually 3 times per week) when pizza, hamburgers, and other items are offered on a pre-arranged and paid for basis—watch *The Chat* for the menu and the reservation-payment information
4. Various groups—as a fund-raising activity—also provide special items for sale.

**Curriculum/Meet the Teacher Evenings:**

The Chatfield teaching teams have worked together during the summer to design lessons that will motivate and challenge each child. As a partner in your children’s education, it is important for you to meet your child’s teaching team, know what and how your child is being taught, classroom expectations, procedures, and policies. Curriculum/Meet the Teacher evenings are planned for each learning level. The meetings are kept short, 45 minutes, but filled with important information necessary to your child’s successful entry into the 2009-2010 school year. We are anticipating 100% parent participation.

Following are the days/times designated for each level:

Thursday, September 10	Upper EI (Grades 3, 4. & 5)	6:30-7:15
Tuesday, September 15	Middle School (Grades 6, 7, & 8)	6:30-7:15
Wednesday, September 16	Lower EI (Grades 1 & 2)	6:30-7:15
Thursday, September 17	Kindergarten	6:30-7:15

Meetings will begin in the gymnasium and end in the classroom.

**Dropping Off and Picking Up Students:**

For approximately ten minutes before school and for fifteen minutes after school, the parking areas and driveways are congested. **Please be patient.** As the school year progresses, conditions improve. Children are **not** allowed to walk through traffic lanes. Children must be dropped off and picked up at the designated spots or accompanied by parents if walking through the parking areas.

**Drop Off** – Children may enter the building at three spots:

- a) The Middle School Entrance (with steps)
- b) The Gym Lobby Entrance
- c) The Front Entrance (by the Dolphin Fountain)
- d) The North (Library) Entrance is opened at 8:20 a.m.

**Pick Up:**

**Front Entrance:**

First Grade  
Second Grade  
**Students in 3-8 who are Siblings of First or Second Grade Students**

**Gym/Lobby Entrance:**

All 3-8 Students who **do not** have K-2 Siblings

**South Parking Lot:**

Kindergarten and all Siblings of Kindergarten Children

**Website:** The Chatfield School Website is located at [www.chatfieldschool.org](http://www.chatfieldschool.org). Teachers, school directors; and the Parent organizations (P.I.E.) use the website to provide important and timely school news.

**Medications**

Remember, all children who may be taking **any** medication (prescriptions or over-the-counter **must complete paperwork and follow State regulations regarding medications in school.** Families that had completed the forms for last year **must do new forms for 2009-10.** All medications now in the school (left from last year) **will be discarded on Monday, August 24, 2009.** The medications can only be released to a parent who comes to the school to pick it up.

**Coffee and A Hankie:** On opening day, September 8th, parents are welcome to stop by the gym/cafeteria (8:30-9:30) for coffee and “end-of-summer” talk.

**Your child’s or children’s Classroom Labels are placed below showing their grades and Homeroom teachers:**