



# MARSHALL HILL SCHOOL

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Dear Marshall Hill families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! We are so excited to see both returning faces and new ones. One of my favorite things to do is to pay attention to how students have changed over the summer. So much growth happens over the summer and I love to hear how the children enjoyed their time off! My family and I were happy to be able to get up to Maine for a few days as well as Cooperstown to visit the Baseball Hall of Fame. I hope each and every one of you were able to take some time to relax and spend time doing something you enjoy.

I always like to begin these letters by acknowledging the hard work of the people behind the scenes to get the school year up and running. I want to thank our custodial crew for their work in cleaning the school after a busy school year and getting it in great shape for the teachers to come in and get their learning spaces established for a new year. The teachers put a lot of thought and effort into designing these spaces and spend days during the summer to make sure they're ready for students on Day 1! Lastly, I want to give a big shout out to Mrs. TenHoeve who also worked days throughout the summer, took registrations, and handled a variety of tasks necessary to the successful start of a school year.

There have been some staff changes this year that I'd like to note. First, we are sad to lose Miss McGuinness to Maple Road, however, we are thrilled that she is able to continue her dreams of being a kindergarten teacher. It's where her heart is and I know she's going to do great! In her place, we are pleased to have hired Miss Kaetlyn Scarpa as our shared MH/UGL Encore teacher! She is eager to start and I am confident that she will do a great job. Also joining our team this year as our third CLIMB teacher is Miss Marilyn Lasalandra. She most recently comes to us from the Baltimore City Public Schools working in a self-contained setting. We are thrilled to have her with us! Not a new face to Marshall Hill, but someone worth mentioning in a new position, is Mrs. Kim Heiner. She will be taking over for the first half of the school year for Mrs. Genardi-Fisher who will be on maternity leave through December. Mrs. Heiner is a certified teacher who filled in admirably for more than half the year last year in kindergarten and finished the year as CLIMB teacher for grades 4 and 5. She also covered 3rd grade at Westbrook School last year for a couple of months. She did great and I am glad to be able to have her cover. We are also looking forward to having two new therapists work with some of our student population! Joining the district and working at Marshall Hill throughout the week at Marshall Hill are

Mrs. Nicole Hill (Physical Therapist) and Mrs. Franyfe Di Caterina (Occupational Therapist). Lastly, we will be having Mrs. Lisa Ligouri join our team as a paraprofessional in our CLIMB program this year. She comes to us with a wealth of experience and will be a great addition to our program.

By this point, you should have been able to see their children's schedule and bus pass on the Parent Portal that opened on Friday August 19th. If you have trouble accessing the Parent Portal, you may contact the main office. **The first day of school for students is Tuesday September 6, 2022.**

Please note the following important information regarding **drop-off and dismissal**:

- Student drop-off is at **8:20**. Please wait with your child(ren) in the car line in the front of the school until you are motioned to let them out of your car by a staff member on duty. Students will enter via one of two doors, depending on your vehicle's position in the line. Staff will be on duty in the hallways to assist your children in getting to where they need to be. Please make every effort to drop your child(ren) off on time as school begins officially at 8:35. Being late can serve as a distraction to the class and result in lost instructional time for your child(ren).
- If you are picking up your child(ren), please arrive prior to **2:50** and wait outside by the main door. We will continue to dismiss students being picked up like we did last year. Students will begin to be called for dismissal around 2:50. Please bring a photo ID, such as a driver's license, with you to show the staff on duty.
- If you plan on picking your child(ren) up at dismissal the first day or any day for the remainder of the year, please send in a note or email [mhspickup@gmail.com](mailto:mhspickup@gmail.com). This is the best email address to communicate pickup changes to our main office.

This year, the federal free school lunch for all program has ended. Going forward, students will have to pay for their school lunch unless they qualify for free and reduced lunch. If you haven't filled out the free and reduced lunch forms yet, please see here: [Free/Reduced Lunch Application](#). You can also apply through the [Parent Portal](#). Lastly, as far as lunches are concerned, please see the following links from Pomptonian, our provider for student lunches, for more information on allergy awareness and pre-ordering. ( [Why Pre-Order](#) & [Allergy Statement](#) )

Thank you for your continued support for our wonderful school community as we arrive at the start of yet another school year. Your continued partnership is key to a successful academic experience for the students and we look forward to all of the great things that are in store for us this year. Enjoy the remainder of summer and we'll see you soon!

Be well,

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