



# SCHNEE

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Dear Schnee Families and Students,

We hope all of you had a safe and enjoyable summer and are ready for the 2023-2024 school year. We are so excited to welcome back each of our returning students, as well as our students who will be new to Schnee. Our school will be operating on a regular Monday through Friday school week schedule. The **students' first day of school is Thursday, August 17, 2023**, and each school day will be **8:10 a.m. - 2:25 p.m.**

Breakfast will be served at 7:45 a.m. We have contracted with Cuyahoga City School District Nutrition & Food Service Program for breakfast and lunch this year; the cost of the meals is **\$1.95 per breakfast and \$3.50 per lunch**. We are excited to be partnering Chef Bill Bailey and his staff.

For your convenience, you will find our new School Board approved cell phone policy on the back.

The Schnee Learning Center will be partnering with the Cuyahoga Falls School District to migrate to a new communication platform, Parent Square. We understand there might be a few challenges. Please contact Chris Shaw at [cf\\_shawc@cftigers.org](mailto:cf_shawc@cftigers.org) to assist with contact and account information in Parent Square. We appreciate your patience during this process.

Our custodial team and maintenance department worked very hard to get our building clean and ready for the first day of school; please ask your students to thank them for their hard work.

**Some important dates to remember:**

Teacher inservice days begin August 14th

**Students first day is August 17th, at 8:00 a.m.**

**Parent Night/Open House is August 29th, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** This Open House will give you an opportunity to acquaint yourself with our students' teachers and classes, as well as our Title One program and school counselor.

**School Picture Day is scheduled for September 28th.** Students will receive more information later. A free Photo ID will be provided to each student.

We are excited to share that we had 30 Schnee students who graduated this May and June, 2023. We plan to have at least 30 seniors again this year, with all earning a diploma! We are looking forward to seeing all of our students on August 17th. Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year!

Sincerely,

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"Molding Our Students to be Accepting, Insightful, and Compassionate"



**Dear Parents/Guardians:**

**In the upcoming school year 2023-2024, Schnee Learning Center will be a phone-free space to improve teaching and learning using a system called Yondr. We believe that cell phones have great utility. However, research studies have found that learning and social behavior improve dramatically when students are fully engaged with their teachers and classmates. At Schnee, and in schools across the country, students are being negatively affected by cell phone and social media use in school. By eliminating cell phone use in our classrooms and increasing student engagement, we expect your students to reap the benefits of better grades, higher standardized test scores, more successful course completion, less disciplinary referrals, and, most importantly, **graduating from high school earlier!****

**The Yondr Program utilizes a simple, secure pouch that stores a phone. All students will secure their phones/smartwatches in a personally assigned Yondr pouch when they arrive at school. Students will maintain possession of their phones and will not use them, except for during lunch, until their pouches are opened at the end of the school day. Students are responsible for their pouches at all times.**

**The cost is \$0 to students and families as long as the student does not damage the bag on purpose. If the student damages the bag by ripping it apart, bending the pin, tearing or cutting the bag or other purposeful damage to the bag then they will be charged a \$20 fee for a replacement bag. In addition, once a student has purposely damaged a bag requiring a \$20 charge they will be required to place a \$20 security deposit on another bag. Until the deposit is paid the students phone will be kept in a sealed envelope in the office all day and they will not be given access to their phone at lunch until the deposit is paid. Students will not be charged for normal, everyday wear and tear.**

**In an attempt to ease any concerns that you might have, we will be posting a video about the program on our website for you to preview. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly at (330) 922-1966.**

**Additionally, we will be discussing the implementation of Yondr on our students' first day of school, Thursday, August 17th, 2023, and will also have a table set up at our Open House on Tuesday, August 29, 2023 for those interested in obtaining more information.**

**If there is an emergency, and you would like to get in contact with your student, you will call the main office at (330) 922-1966.**

**In an effort to best serve your students, we appreciate your full support in the adoption of the Yondr Program at our school.**

**Thank you,**

**Tony Pallija, Principal/Executive Director**