

August 1, 2019

Welcome Back!

As educators, we are so lucky that we are able to celebrate and begin anew each year. I hope that you have been able to relax and have fun during this very hot summer. Many of you have been working on curriculum or have been involved in our various professional development opportunities. Our goal will be to continue to work as a team to build our capacity and enhance our skills throughout the year. Several staff members have been working hard this summer to help us get ready for the school year. Custodians and secretaries have been preparing the buildings and welcoming our students and families. The tech teams have been installing new equipment and updating our existing systems, so they function more efficiently. Administrators and guidance counselors have closed out last year and have created master schedules and student plans for the coming year.

Fortunately, we are able to welcome new staff members this fall: classroom teachers, additional RTI teachers, special education supervisors, new administrators at the sites and central office. It is an exciting time for Torrington Public Schools, and it is my honor to be your Superintendent. Torrington is a supportive and collaborative community. There is no better place to learn and work. Thank you for your dedication and hard work as we strive to do our very best for the children and families of Torrington each and every day.

School Start and End Times:

Elementary Student Day: 8:40-3:35

Elementary Teacher Day: 8:35-3:40

Elementary Paras: 8:20-3:50

Pre-K Student Day: 8:05-3:00

Pre-K Teacher and Para Day: 8:00-3:30

TMS Student Day: 7:45-2:40

TMS Teacher Day: 7:40-2:45

TMS Paras: 7:20-2:50

THS Student Day: 7:20-2:10

THS Teachers: 7:15-2:15

THS Paras: 6:45-2:15

Convocation: Monday, August 26

Convocation for all staff will be held at **Torrington School** in order to allow for an air conditioned space.

7:45-8:30: Continental Breakfast

8:30-10:30: Welcome and Program

10:30-11:00: Teachers Association Meeting

11:00-12:00-Lunch

12:00-3:00: Meetings at Individual Schools; Grades K-5 at Torrington

Parking:

- As there is insufficient parking at Tarringford to accommodate all of us, St. Paul's Lutheran Church has graciously allowed us to use parking on their site, but they ask that there be no parking in the fire lanes or on the coned areas.
- Carpooling is encouraged. Please use any school parking lot to gather and then come to the Convocation together. We need to be respectful of the Church property. Please help us with this. Plan ahead. Your attention to this is much appreciated. We want to be able to use this parking in the future.

Professional Development Day, Tuesday, August 27

Sue Fergusson, Assistant Superintendent, will be emailing the Professional Development schedule in the next few weeks.

Closing Remarks

Last year's message was "We are stronger together!" I still believe in this motto. If we work as a team, we will be successful in supporting our students' growth and achievement of their future dreams and goals.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you on the 26th!

Sincerely,
Sue