

Country School

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Dear Country School Families,

What a successful start to the school year! Thank you for your support, patience, and words of encouragement. They helped us all stay motivated and focused on what is most important; our students being back to learning! While I know there are still some glitches to work through and new schedules to adapt to, I am grateful for the positive start and hopeful for continued success and improvement!

Here are a few helpful reminders that will contribute to a smoother transition;

- Arrival
 - Student can not be dropped off before 7:55. If you arrive early, we will ask you to keep your child(ren) in the car with you until 7:55. This allows us to be able to send students right to their assigned entrance and minimize classes and cohorts mixing.
 - Please unload in the designated drop-off area (between the cones) and have your child exit the car on the **passenger side only**. This allows us to quickly and safely unload cars and keep the traffic moving, minimizing a back up on school street.
 - Please have your child practice exiting the car independently with backpacks and masks ready to go. It is helpful to say your goodbyes while waiting, rather than once in the drop-off zone.
- Dismissal
 - Please only have your child enter your vehicle on the passenger side.
 - If you need to help with buckling your child, please either park and walk up to the pick up area to greet your child. This will help to minimize the back up in the pick-up traffic.
 - Another option is to have your child load into the vehicle and then pull into one of the parking spaces along the sidewalk (as you pull away) to buckle your child.
 - It is helpful to have children practice opening car doors and buckling independently to limit parents needing to get out of the car.
- Technology
 - Thank you for your patience as we update links and work through any Seesaw/Zoom glitches. We recognize that many links were not working correctly and we are working quickly to fix this.
 - If you experience a glitch with your device, please email cshelpdesk@weston.org. Teachers are teaching students during the morning and are unable to respond immediately. Please click here for more [technology troubleshooting tips](#).
 - Asynchronous lessons are pre-recorded lessons for the day. They are written in the schedule at suggested times but can be completed anytime during the day when it is most convenient for the student/family.
 - Synchronous lessons are live instruction from the teacher. Students should arrive for these lessons at the time they are scheduled.
 - Over the first few weeks of school, students will be spending time learning how to navigate all of the home components. The goal is to increase independence and functionality before moving to more in-depth remote assignments. The activities are

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specifically designed to increase familiarity and build classroom community. If something isn't working at home, please let us know so we can correct the issue.

Thank you again for your continued support and patience. I am looking forward to working together to provide a wonderful year of learning for all of our students. Our collaborative efforts will ensure success for all involved.

Sincerely,
Erin Maguire
Principal
Country School