August 12, 2021

Dear Parent or Guardian of a Grade 1 Student,

In support of our students’ successful transition to Grade 1, we invite our 2021-2022 first graders to participate in an Early Entry Day program. Baltimore County Public Schools is excited to announce that it will again host a half-day “Early Entry Day” on Friday, August 27, 2021, for students entering Grades 6 and 9 with the addition of Grade 1 for the 2021–2022 school year. Students will participate in a wide variety of activities to become more familiar with their new school setting prior to the start of school. Students will review their class schedules, take school tours, and meet all their teachers and the school counselor.

Transportation will be provided for those students who are scheduled to take a bus to school. Those students will be picked up at their assigned bus stops at their regularly scheduled times and will be transported home at the end of the half-day schedule. A complimentary lunch will be served to all students participating in the Early Entry Day.

The Early Entry Day is for students only and will not replace other school-based student-parent orientation activities. More detailed information regarding the Early Entry Day, such as specific bus stops and the agenda for the day, will be communicated soon. We encourage our first-grade students to come to school on 8/27/21 the way they normally would, whether by foot, car, or bus so they know which door they will be entering on a regular basis. Our doors open at 8:25 and on 8/27/21 we will start dismissal at 12:25. Walkers and car riders enter through the front doors. If you are dropping off and/or picking up your child by car, you get in line on Lodge Farm Road and pull up to one of the adults standing out there. Students should be seated on the passenger side of the vehicle for safety. If your child needs assistance buckling her/his seat belt when s/he is put in your car at dismissal time, please pull up past the adults and assist your own child so our line can continue to move. Our welcoming CTES adults will open and close car doors.

We are looking forward to welcoming our Grade 1 students on Friday, August 27, 2021, at 8:25 and while not required, we hope your child will take advantage of this opportunity. Should you have any questions regarding Early Entry Day, please contact us at your earliest convenience. The first regular day of school for all students is Monday, August 30, 2021.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Shandra K. Patrick, Principal

Chesapeake Terrace Elementary School