

WELCOME TO CONTE WEST HILLS

PARENT & STUDENT ORIENTATION: 2023-2024

August 24, 2023

Grades Pre K-8





**HARRY A. CONTE
WEST HILLS
MAGNET SCHOOL:
A SCHOOL OF
EXPLORATION AND
INNOVATION**

School Vision:

Developing in each student the curiosity of an explorer and the creativity of an innovator.

School Mission:

Conte West Hills Magnet – A school of Exploration and Innovation; uses the resources of our school and community members to offer a challenging, integrated curriculum that inspires students to become active, independent learners on their academic and social journey toward excellence.

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SCHOOL HOURS


Pre K 8:30-2:50

K-8 9:05-3:25

Early Dismissal

Pre K 8:30-12:50

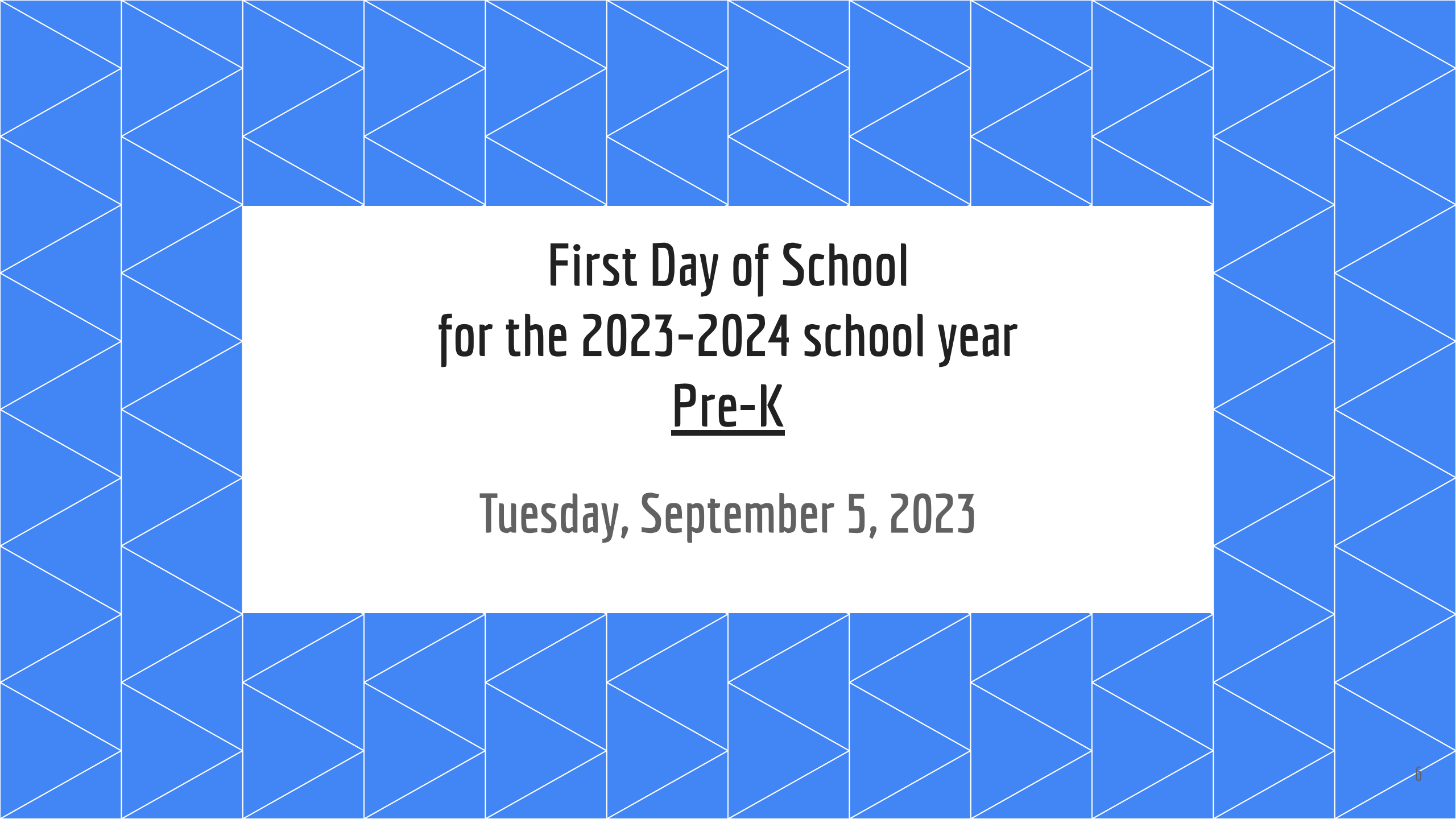
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**First Day of School
for the 2023-2024 school year**

Thursday, August 31st

Kindergarten - Grade 8

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**First Day of School
for the 2023-2024 school year
Pre-K**

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

7 Kindergarten Day First Day

Parents bring children at 9:30

Meet in the gymnasium for pictures and greetings from the teacher

Students will transition to class with their teacher

UNIFORMS

The mandatory uniform dress code at Conte West Hills Magnet School is as follows:

Short sleeve navy blue polo shirt (summer), long sleeve blue polo shirt((winter) and khaki bottoms.

If students arrive at school out of uniform, parents will be contacted to bring a change of clothes. In extenuating circumstances the school will work with families to provide access to a school uniform.

***Students must wear sneakers on designated gym days. It is recommended that students wear blue/gray sweatpants on PE days.**

ARRIVAL FOR STUDENTS K-8

- **Arrival:** Arrival time for students is **9:05 a.m.**
 - **Students in Grades K-3 will enter the building through the bus platform doors nearest Room 15.**
 - **Students in Grades 4-8 will enter the building through the doors on bus platform nearest the gymnasium.**
- **Drop-offs:** Parents will drop off students on Greene Street. Staff members will be present to direct students to the bus platform entrance.
- **Please note that parents will not have access to the building during arrival time..**

Arrival for Pre-K



ARRIVAL

Arrival time for students is 8:30 a.m.



ARRIVAL PROCEDURE

- Parents complete arrival form from car prior to drop off
- Parents walk students through the garden area to side door closest to Pre K classrooms

PARENTS AND FAMILIES DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE BUILDING.

DISMISSAL FOR K-8 STUDENTS

Dismissal time for students is 3:25 p.m.

- If a student is in kindergarten, parents must sign the student out by completing the QR form at the time of dismissal and will be released at the art room doors
- If students are in Grades 1-3, parent must sign the student out by completing the QR form at the time of dismissal and will be released out the auditorium doors.
- All grade 4-6 students who are designated walkers/pickups will be released out the art wing playground doors.
- All grade 7-8 students who are designated walkers/pickups will be released out the bus platform doors.

If a student is picked up early for an appointment, he/she/they **MUST** be picked up **prior to 2:45 p.m.**

DISMISSAL FOR PRE-K STUDENTS

DISMISSAL

Pre K pick up is from 2:50 - 3:05

DISMISSAL PROCEDURE

- Scan code on red playground door with camera or iPad
- Links to dismissal sign out sheet
- Timestamp for dismissal
- Staff member brings student to door

Procedures for Drop-Off and Pick Up

Safety Purposes: No Access to Building

Drop Off

1. Take Chapel Street to Olive Street
2. Turn onto to St. John's Street
3. Continue around corner.
4. Proceed to Greene Street.
5. Follow staff directions for "drop off" spot.

Video Link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MYj_xV-f9LnqsUZjIHree-4L9EyIvyGG/view

Pickup

1. Take Chapel Street to Olive Street
2. Turn onto to St. John's Street
3. Continue around corner.
4. Proceed to Greene Street.
5. Park in lot closest to basketball court.
6. Proceed around building to auditorium.

Kindergarten - 8th Grade
Drop Offs - Greene Street

All Bus
Students
Rm 15

Pre K Students
front playground



Parents & families will not have access to the building.

**BEFORE YOU
ARRIVE EACH
DAY...**

- **HEALTH SCREENER- DAILY**
- **MASK FRIENDLY**
- **UNIFORM**
- **CHROMEBOOK & CHARGER**
- **WATER BOTTLE**

TEST MASK GO

CELL PHONES



All electronic devices are strictly prohibited for use by students during school hours 9:15-3:30pm. Receiving and sending text during the school day, making an unauthorized phone call, or visiting sites inappropriate in nature becomes a major disruption with loss of instructional time which negatively impacts our school climate.

Our goal is to be as preventative as possible to maintain the safety and well-being of all students. Please be vigilant of your child's use of social media applications such as *SnapChat, Instagram, TikTok, Kik, etc.* on a daily basis.

Students should not be texting or listening to music. NO earphones attached to a cell phone will be allowed. The school day is for educational learning and we need student's complete attention on their education.

CELL PHONES



If your child is caught with a visible cell phone the following will be the consequences:

First Violation:

Conversation and reminder of policy.

Second Violation:

A second infraction shall result in cell phone/ear phones taken away and given to admin for the remainder of the day. It is the student's responsibility to retrieve the phone at the end of the day from Admin or designee staff.

Third Violation:

A third infraction cell phone/ear phones will be taken to the office and will not be returned until a parent comes in to pick them up.

More than 4 times:

Continued violations of this rule will result in more severe disciplinary measures.



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Chromebooks

Chromebooks will be available to be sent home with each student.

This year, New Haven Public Schools will be offering insurance through Securanty and plans begin at \$26.00. While the insurance plan is optional, please be aware that per the school's directives, if your child's Chromebook breaks in your care and you do not have the insurance plan, you are responsible for the replacement cost!

This is the Chromebook that will follow your child throughout the years at Conte.

PLEASE be very careful with the chargers and Chromebooks and allow your child to use them only under your guidance.

A lost or broken charger is not covered by insurance and will cost \$15.00.

[Link to Insurance for Chromebooks](#)

[Link to Conte Chromebook Form](#)

Attendance Matters

- Starting in kindergarten, and even pre-kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read

(this is also the strict cutoff requirement for receiving the New Haven Promise Scholarship)

- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher must slow down learning to help children catch up.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



CHRONIC ABSENCE
18 or more days



WARNING SIGNS
10 to 17 days



SATISFACTORY
9 or fewer absences

Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

Reporting Student Absences

- **STAY HOME WHEN SICK**
- **Report an absence by calling the main office between 8:30-9:05 or alert the homeroom teacher**

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MANDATORY FORMS IN POWERSCHOOL

- **Extended Contact Emergency Form**
- **Media Release Form**
- **NHPS Opportunity Continuity Plan**
- **Authorize Internet and Technology Use Policy**

HOME & SCHOOL COMMUNICATION TOOLS

- School Instagram: [contewesthillsschool](#)
- District Website: [www.nhps.net](#)
- School Website: [www.contewesthills.net](#)
- PowerSchool: <https://powerschools.nhboe.net/public/>
- *Google Classroom & Google Meets*
- *Parent Link*
- *Classroom Dojo*
- *Staff Email*
- Please make sure phone numbers and email are up to date. Changes can be made by calling the Main Office at (475) 220-5400.

WHERE

WHAT

WHEN

Questions...

WHY

HOW

WHO