

WELCOME TO CONTE WEST HILLS

PARENT & STUDENT ORIENTATION: 2022-2023

August 23, 2022

Grades 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

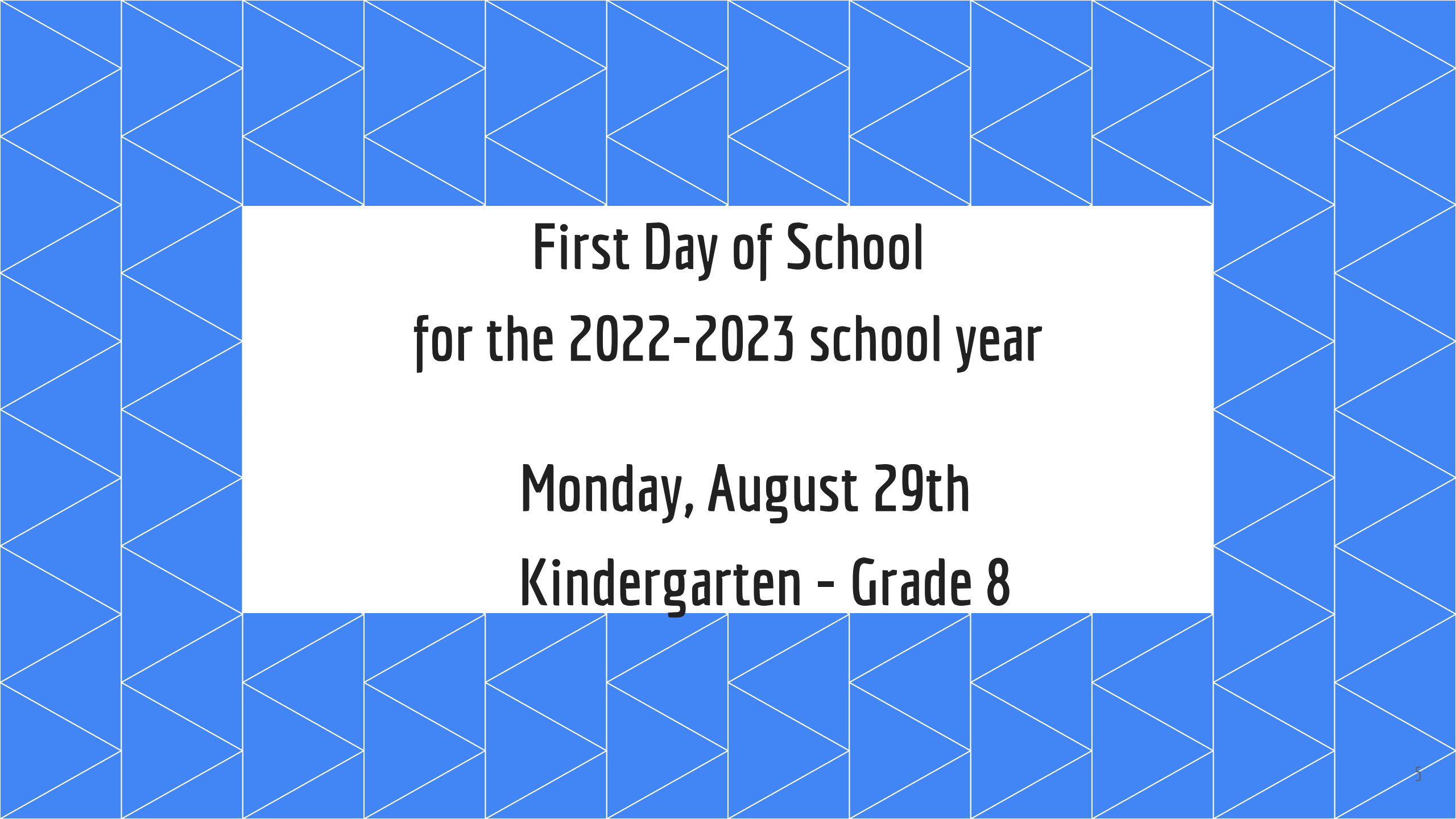
Pre K 8:30-2:50

K-8 9:05-3:25

Early Dismissal

Pre K 8:30-12:50

K-8 9:05-1:25

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**First Day of School
for the 2022-2023 school year**

Monday, August 29th

Kindergarten - Grade 8

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

- **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..**

DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS

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

- **If a student is in grades K-3, than the parent must sign the student out by completing the QR form at the time of dismissal.**
- **All grade 4-6 students who are designated walkers/pickups will be released out the auditorium 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.

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

HEALTH POLICY

1. All kindergarten and 7th grade students must submit a Health Assessment Record (updated physical and immunization record)
2. All new students to Conte West Hills must also submit a Health Assessment Record before being admitted to school
3. All medications must be handed to the school nurse along with the Medication Authorization Form, signed by the physician, along with the medical plan
4. If a student has a medically documented food allergy, the parent/guardian must notify the school and submit a written Emergency Allergy Plan from the child's physician.

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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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 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

- 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