

# Welcome to Chelsea School!



The teachers, staff, and I are so glad that you are going to be attending Chelsea School. Chelsea is a great place to learn, grow, and have fun! As we were getting ready for your arrival, we thought you might have some questions about Chelsea School. Below are the answers to a few questions that incoming students have asked us about Chelsea. If you have any additional questions, you are welcome and encouraged to call the school or send us an email. We are looking forward to a great year. See you soon!

Sincerely,

*Mr. Wernet, Chelsea Principal*

## **What time does the day start and end?**

The academic day begins at 9:05 and ends at 3:30. Car riders can start arriving to Chelsea at 8:50.

## **How will I know where things are located in the building?**

Your teacher will bring you on a tour and you will also be escorted from class-to-class as you move around the building.

## **If I am a car rider, where do I get dropped off and picked up?**



All car riders are dropped off and picked up at the South Entrance of the building. The South Entrance is the entrance that serves the Main Office. Signs are located off of 80<sup>th</sup> avenue, helping direct drivers to the proper locations. Staff will be available to assist and supervise students as they exit and enter cars. Do not exit your car until your car is pulled up to one of the first ten spots

and the car is completely stopped. At the end of the day, your parent or guardian must remain in the car line. Students will be systematically loaded into the first ten cars. When the first ten cars pull away, then the next ten cars will be loaded.

### **Is riding the bus different than when I rode it to and from Grand Prairie?**

Just like at Grand Prairie, you will be expected to be safe and follow all of the school rules when you ride the bus. It is important to stay in your seat, use an indoor voice, and remember to be quiet when crossing the railroad tracks. One difference from Grand Prairie is that the bus drivers at Chelsea may assign students seats on the bus. Every student is required to ride the same bus to and from school each day and use their school assigned bus stop for boarding and drop off each day.



### **How do I know where to go on the first day?**

As the students exit their means of transportation and enter the building, teachers and staff will greet them. Each student will be assisted to a grade level gathering area. Each grade level teacher will be holding sign with his/her name on it. Students will be greeted by their individual teacher and escorted to their assigned classroom.

### **How long do I get for lunch and can I eat a snack during the day?**

All students have a 40-minute supervised lunch/recess period. Students bring their own lunches to school. The daily milk and the occasional Tuesday, Booster group fundraising hot lunches are only available for prepaid purchase through RevTrack Online Payments. RevTrack Online Payments are found on the District 157C website. Students are allowed to have water bottles in class and will be given an opportunity to eat a parent provided, healthy snack during the day.



### **Do students get lockers at Chelsea?**

Yes, students do get lockers at Chelsea. The third and fourth grade lockers do not have locks; they are like cubbies with doors. The lockers are located in the hallway, outside of the classrooms. Adhesives and stickers are not allowed on the lockers, but you are welcome to decorate the inside of your locker with magnetic items.

### **What happens at the end of the day?**

**Bus Riders:** If you ride the bus, your teacher will review your bus number at the end of class. The teacher will also walk your class to the bus loading area. The bus loading area is on the west side of the school (this is the side of the school you see from Fort Frankfort). Only busses can unload and load here. Make sure that your parent or guardian reviews your bus number at home. This will help alleviate any anxiety and/or confusion.

**Car Riders:** If you are going to be a car rider, you will be escorted to the South Entrance, which is by the Main Office. There are two yellow lines painted on the sidewalk. You will line-up behind the yellow lines and wait for your car to pull into one of the first ten spots. A staff member will direct you to get into your car. Parents are encouraged to stay in their cars and allow students to board safely on the right side of the vehicle.

### **What do I do if I need to make a change in my transportation home from school?**

If you need to make a change to your transportation, you will be required to have a handwritten note from your parent or guardian. This note must be given to your teacher. The teacher will forward the note to the office. The office will keep track of any changes. Changes in transportation can only occur with a handwritten note or email from the parent/guardian. Parents are encouraged to contact the office with any questions or in emergency situations.

### **Can I bring toys to school?**

Toys should **not** be brought to school. They might get lost or broken.

### **Who will be my teacher?**



In August, all students are sent a letter that tells the name of their teacher and information about their bus stop and route.

### **Will I still have art, music, library, and STEM each week?**

Every student will attend art, music, Spanish, and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) one time per week. These classes last for 35 minutes each. The students will have P.E. each day for 30 minutes. At Chelsea, we have 3 P.E. teachers and two gyms! Each class will also visit the library once a week.



### **Do students at Chelsea have homework?**

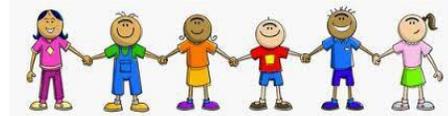
Yes, the students at Chelsea do have homework. Every student gets an assignment notebook. The classroom teachers help their students learn how to use the assignment notebooks and keep track of what homework is due, when there are tests, and how to record other important events/activities.

### **How will I know how I am doing in my class?**

The teachers give assessments, which are tests, to determine how you are learning. They give letter grades, report cards, make phone calls, send emails, talk to you, and write notes on your work to communicate how you are doing. The grades are available for you to see on PowerSchool. Your parents/guardians will be given directions on how to access the grades in PowerSchool. You will also get report cards once a quarter. Parents and students are encouraged to speak with their classroom teacher about any questions they have about grades, grading, and assigned work.

### **Will I have fun at Chelsea?**

Yes, you will have fun at Chelsea making new friends, learning new things, and just growing bigger. All the adults at Chelsea



are here to help you learn and grow. We will be focusing on being respectful, responsible, and caring to each other.

We hope that your questions have been answered. If not, please call or send an email. You are going to make a great addition to Chelsea School!