

Dear Cole Middle School Families:

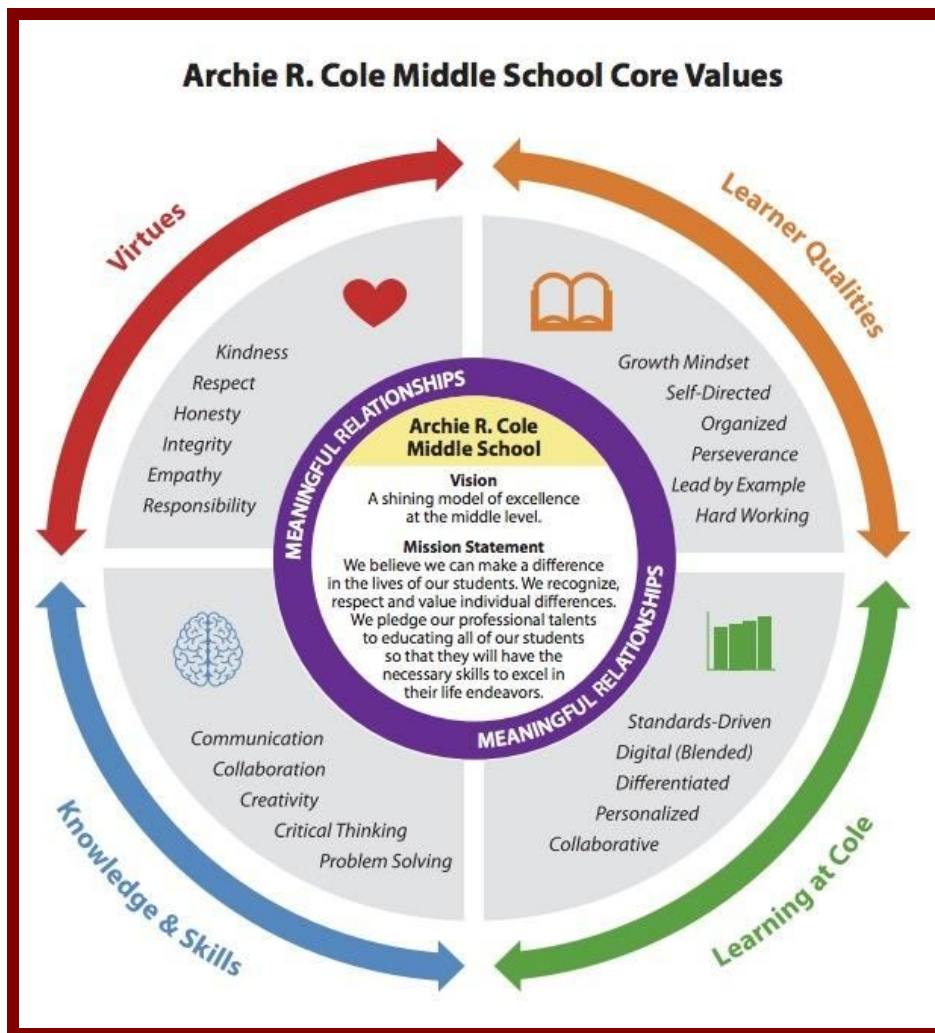
Here's hoping everyone has enjoyed a fantastic summer. Below, please find important information regarding the opening of school.

We are excited to greet students on Wednesday and begin another outstanding year at Cole!

Kindest regards,

Daniel P. Seger

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Cole Student/Parent/Teacher Handbook

The 2016-2017 handbook will be sent via Cole-L tomorrow and will also be available in the [File Cabinet](#) on the Cole webpage. Once received, please review the handbook for specifics related to school and district policies and procedures. Your signatures are required on the Acknowledgement Form, which is due Friday, September 2nd. A blank copy of this form will be provided by your child's homeroom teacher. An electronic copy will be attached via Cole-L email, as well.

First Day of School

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 31, 2016. Students should be seated in their homeroom by 8:00 a.m., to be marked as present and on time. Dismissal is at 2:25 p.m.

**** Morning Bus Drop-Off ****

Per the recommendation of the East Greenwich Police Department, in order to alleviate traffic congestion on Cedar Avenue, a dedicated bus loop has been established utilizing the road that circles the building. This road is strictly for bus use. Students will exit their bus in the area marked *Temporary Bus Loading Zone* on Diagram 1. Once off the bus, students should report directly to the cafeteria via side entrance "E."

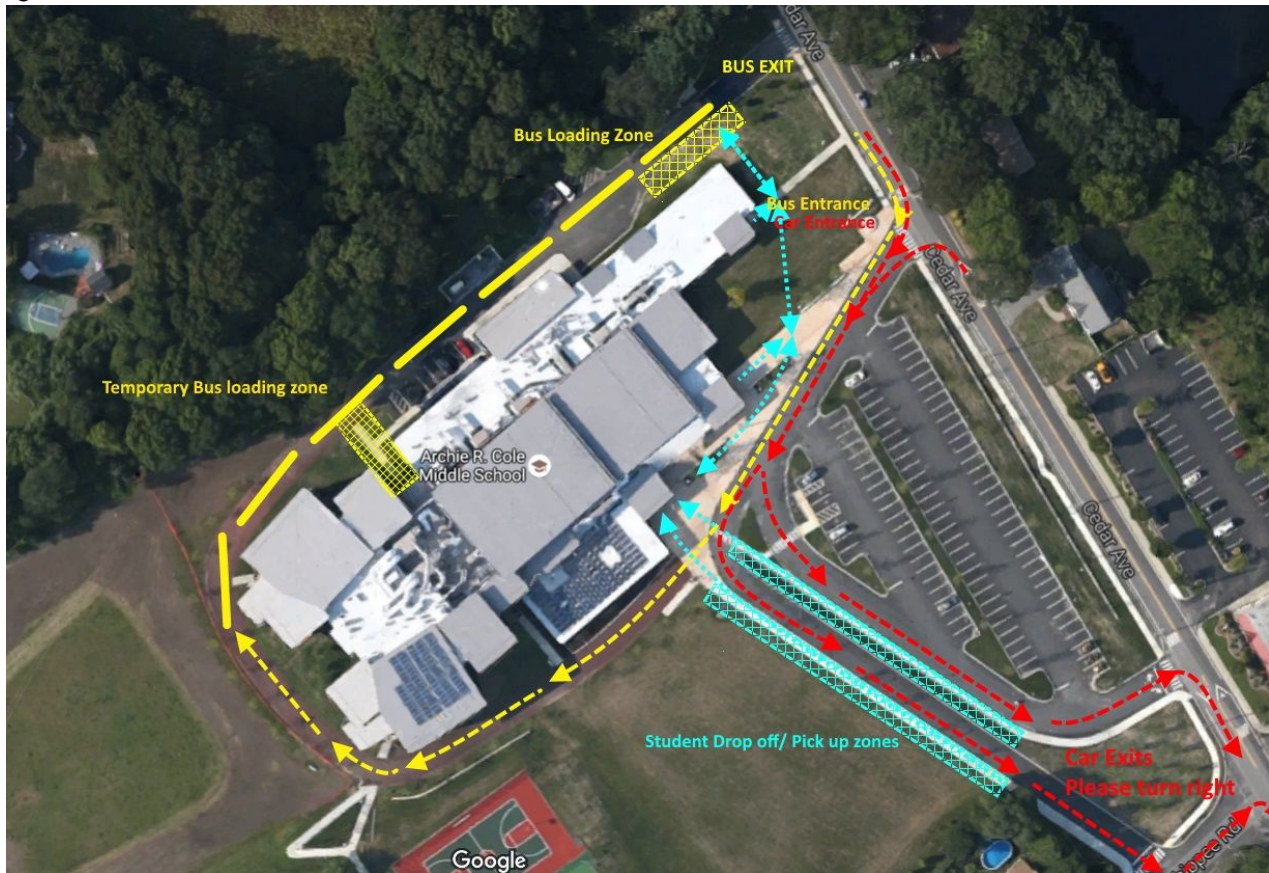
**** Afternoon Bus Procedure ****

Students riding the afternoon bus will exit via the cafeteria doors closest to the orchestra room and wait to board their bus on the front lawn area. Busses will load one at a time in the Bus Loading Zone (Diagram 1).

Bus Routes

We encourage all students to use the bus transportation provided by the district. You can find the 2016-2017 bus routes on the www.egsd.net website under [transportation](#).

Diagram 1



Morning Parent Loop Drop-Off

Safety is our primary concern. We have a collective responsibility to contribute to the safety of our school and exercise patience, when needed. In order to maintain a safe procedure and minimize traffic congestion, all drivers are required to follow the expectations below:

1. Once in a drop-off loop, drivers should pull as far forward towards Wanton Shippee Road as possible. Then, allow students to exit. All students must exit on the sidewalk/passenger side of the vehicle.
2. The two parent loops are designed for single lane use - **NEVER** pass on the left.
3. Students should exit cars only when in a drop-off loop and then proceed directly to the cafetorium.

We anticipate less traffic congestion associated with the parent drop-off between 7:40-7:50 a.m. Arriving during that time will result in less waiting time for drivers and students. All students must be seated in their homeroom by 8:00 a.m.

Back to School Family Night and Open House

We cordially invite all families to join us at the annual “Back to School Family Night” on Friday, September 16, 2016. The evening will include a cookout and a social event for students.

6th Grade Open House will take place on the evening of Wednesday, September 7, 2016 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

7th & 8th Grade Open House will be on Thursday, September 22, 2016 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Sports Eligibility

Students interested in participating in varsity sports (soccer and cross-country begin in the second week of school) must have the following forms on file at Cole:

- Assumption of Risk (once)
- Insurance Waiver (every year)
- An updated physical examination form dated within the year

Students will not be permitted to participate in tryouts without these forms on file. You can find copies of the forms under Quick Links ([Cole Sports](#)) on the Cole page of the website. The Assumption of Risk form only needs to be submitted one time during a student’s tenure at Cole. The Insurance Waiver needs to be submitted every year.

Student Dress Code

It is expected that all students will dress in a manner consistent with good health practices, safety regulations, and in a manner that will not distract from the learning process. Students who fail to meet this standard, or whose form of dress, in the administration’s opinion, interferes with the educational process will be required to make appropriate changes. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action or suspension. Please refer to the Student/Parent handbook for more details.

Communication

Please note that the vast majority of communication with families will be in an electronic manner. Information will be shared through the school listserv (Cole-L) and the district website (www.egsd.net). You can register for the Cole listserv at the following link: www.egsd.net/forms.cfm?myForm=19893

Student academic progress can be viewed through the Aspen *Family Portal*. Mid-quarter reports will be generated halfway through each quarter via Aspen. Quarterly reports cards will continue to be sent home with students.

Please be sure to follow us on social media:

Cole Twitter: @ColeMiddleEG
Cole Instagram: ColeMiddleEG
Remind (Directions below)

A If you have a smartphone,
get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone,
open your web browser and go to
the following link:

rmd.at/colems

Follow the instructions to sign up
for Remind. You'll be prompted to
download the mobile app.



A smartphone screen displaying a web browser with the URL rmd.at/colems. The page title is "Join #ColeMS". Below the title, there are two input fields: "Full Name" with the placeholder text "First and Last Name", and "Phone Number or Email Address" with the placeholder text "(555) 555-5555".

B If you don't have a smartphone,
get text notifications.

Text the message [@colems](#) to the number
81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try
texting [@colems](#) to (401) 217-0257.



A smartphone screen showing a text message interface. The "To" field contains the number "81010". The "Message" field contains the text "@colems".