

Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School

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Dear Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School families,

I am looking forward to having our students back in the building with us next week!

It has been a busy summer and I am pleased to announce we are now fully staffed, with an amazing new Spanish teacher, Mrs. Dunshee, coming on board for our 7th and 8th grade Spanish program. Before the weekend begins, I wanted to take some time to give you important updates on some beginning-of-school items.

First, as you know, our first day of school, August 25, will be a day of service. Many of you have asked what this will look like, where students will be going, etc. so I will provide all the details I have here:

Students will be completing the following activities at the following locations in Canterbury:

- Manship Park: Students will work to beautify the volleyball area and fencing, working to remove brush and weeds from the area
- The Canterbury Fire Department: Students will help by cleaning fire trucks and helping to clean our the fire truck bays
- The Canterbury Congregational Church: Students will help with re-organization of the food pantry
- Calvary Chapel Church: Students will help with grounds maintenance of the playground and gagaball pits as well as with possible washing and painting of the sanctuary exterior walls
- Canterbury Town Hall- Students will work to clear the plant beds in the parking lot, spread mulch, and clean up the parking lot area
- Canterbury Public Library- Students will help to reshelve and catalogue books
- Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School- Students will help revitalize the front flower beds and put down new mulch.
- 5th graders will all remain at Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School for additional time to get to know the school and to work on a special grade-wide painting project

Shade and water will be available at all community service areas, and lunches will be provided for students in need of a school lunch. In addition, Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School staff will be with our students, working alongside them. We will maintain a field trip ratio of 1 staff member per 12 students, although in most of our areas, will have a higher ratio than this. If you have additional questions about the day of service, please email me at gdukkette@canterburypublicschools.org and I would be happy to answer any additional questions you may have. In addition, if you have not yet filled out a permission slip, please send one in on the first day of school, or visit the following link to fill out a digital permission form: <https://tinyurl.com/h5cc7vc2>

Second, we will follow the same parent drop-off and pick up procedures that were in place during the 2020-2021 school year. Please visit the BMS website for a refresher on what student drop-off and pick-up will

look like. There is a parent drop-off video posted at the top of the BMS page that shows how $\frac{5}{8}$ and $\frac{7}{8}$ parents should drop off their students. Pick up will run the same as drop off.

Finally, information packets will go home with students on the first day of school. Please ensure that your student gives you their packet, as it contains important information for the school year.

Thank you Baldwin, and we'll see you at the start of the school year!

Mr. Dukette

Principal

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