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Home of the Timberwolves!

Greetings Alpha Academy Student,

If you are a returning student, *Welcome Back!* If you are a new student, *Welcome!* We are so excited to have you as part of our Alpha Academy family this 2023-24 school year and we look forward to an exciting and prosperous year! This letter includes some very important information and dates for your review. **Please read this information in its entirety.**

Student Orientation/Open House – Returning Students and New Students

Thursday, August 3rd 6:00 pm Virtual Student Orientation PreK - 12th grades
(link will be located on the school's website)

Tuesday, August 8th 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm PreK – 5th grades
Wednesday, August 9th 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm 6th – 8th grades
Thursday, August 10th 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm 9th - 12th grades

Parents and students will need to first check in at the school auditorium (back of the school). Various stations will be set up with important information concerning student and school information. From there, you will have the opportunity to meet administration, visit your child's class and meet their teacher. Please be sure to sign in when visiting your child's classroom. If you have multiple students, in different grades, you are welcome to bring all students on any of the scheduled orientation dates. ****If you have applied for Prekindergarten, we will be contacting you separately concerning enrollment.**

First Day of School, Thursday, August 17th

Teachers will begin receiving students at 7:35 a.m. for the first week of school **ONLY**. After the first week, school hours are Monday – Friday, 7:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m (new school hours). No students will be allowed in the building before 7:45 a.m. You may view the school calendar on our website at www.alphaacademy.education. You will be notified immediately of any changes in the school schedule (ie early release, inclement weather, emergency events, etc).

Classes begin at 8:00 a.m. Students are considered tardy after 8:00 a.m. and will need to be signed in at the front office by a parent or guardian (18 years or older). There will be no student checkouts after 2:30 pm. Please be prepared to show a valid, government issued ID.

Changes to transportation arrangements must be made BEFORE 1:00 PM. DO NOT leave messages on the voicemail; we may not be able to inform the student of the change in a timely fashion.

Lunch Program

Alpha Academy participates in the National School Lunch Program. Please visit the school's website at www.alphaacademy.education to complete a school lunch application and to create a school lunch account. All students, current and new, are **required** to complete an online school lunch application by Saturday, September 30th. One application per household. Once the school lunch application is complete, you will receive a confirmation email via LINQ Connect. You will then return to the school's website to create a school lunch account or for current students, login to your previous school lunch account. Be sure to type in your District, "Alpha Academy" and proceed.

The school lunch program is a cashless system. In order for your child to eat lunch, students must have money in their accounts, with a positive balance. If your child has a negative balance from the previous year, they will not be able to eat lunch until the balance is satisfied. For more information about our lunch program, LINQ Connect, or the student lunch application please email the Nutrition Department at smcrae@alphaacademy.net.

If your student decides to bring their lunch, we do encourage them to bring a nutritious lunch. We highly discourage candy, soda, or any food products high in sugar content. **Effective immediately, Alpha Academy will no longer accept lunches from DoorDash, Uber Eats, or GrubHub.**

School Uniform

A copy of the student dress code can be viewed on the school website. Alpha Academy shirts are a required part of the Alpha Academy uniform. Shirts can be ordered via the school's website under the "SHOP" tab. Uniform Shirts are short sleeves \$20.00 and long sleeves \$22.00 each. The light blue Alpha Academy shirts are for staff and high school students **only**. **No shirts will be distributed during Open House or during the first two days of school (Thursday, August 17th – Friday, August 18th).** All students are expected to be in uniform on the first day of school. You **will be** contacted by the office if your child is out of uniform, and you will be expected to purchase a uniform shirt, bring them the proper uniform to change, or be prepared to take them home.

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New to NC Schools (Kindergarten)/Out-of-State Students

Any students new to NC Schools, including Kindergarten or Out-of-state students, are required to complete the NC Health Assessment within 30 days of school. This is a requirement by the State of North Carolina and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS). If you do not submit an assessment for your child within the first 30 days of school, your child will not be able to attend school until this assessment is completed. The NC Health Assessment form can be found at https://ncchildcare.ncdhhs.gov/Portals/0/documents/pdf/N/NCPre-K_HAForm.pdf. This form must be completed by your child's licensed medical provider.

Kindergarten, 7th grade and 12th grade immunizations - North Carolina Vaccine-Specific Requirements

The North Carolina General Statutes (G.S. 130A-152(a)) require immunizations for every child present in the State of North Carolina. Every parent, guardian or person in loco parentis is responsible for ensuring that their child(ren) receives required immunizations. If you have specific questions regarding your child's immunizations, please contact your child's licensed medical provider or your local health department. Please refer to https://immunize.nc.gov/schools/k-12/7th_grade_faq_eng_color.pdf concerning these requirements.

If your child does not receive their immunizations within 30 days of the first day of school, he/she will not be allowed to return to school until their vaccinations are complete. If you have questions, please contact your child's licensed medical provider or your local Health Department.

Medications and Medical Authorization form

Alpha Academy will only administer medications that have been prescribed by your child's authorized medical provider. Alpha Academy staff **do not** and **will not** administer over-the-counter medications and do not send over-the-counter medications to school with your child. This is a serious safety issue. Please **do not** send any medications with your child to school. Medical Authorization forms must be completed by your child's licensed medical provider for all medications administered to your child at school. Medical Authorization forms can be found on the school website, or you can retrieve a copy at the main office during office hours.

Transportation

Limited transportation is provided at designated bus stops. Students who were bus riders in the 2022-2023 school year have priority. All other applications will be considered if spacing is available. Please contact the office for transportation requests and questions. Please note, for any students who return to the school or are picked up late, a \$10.00/minute fee will be charged to the parents.

Contact Information

If your contact information has changed and needs to be updated, or you are no longer interested in your child attending Alpha Academy in the upcoming school year, please contact the office immediately.

Student School Hours (NEW)

Monday - Friday, 7:45 am - 3:30 pm.

Office Hours

Summer office hours are Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For additional information you may contact the school office at (910) 223-7711. Again, *WELCOME* and we'll see you on August 17th!

Sincerely,

Alpha Academy
Administration