



CHESTER UPLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Stetser Elementary School

808 East 17th Street
Chester, Pennsylvania 19013
Phone (610)447-3795

July 24, 2024

Dear Stetser Elementary School Families,

I hope that you're having a fantastic summer! As the days get shorter and the back-to-school season approaches, I wanted to share some important information for the upcoming school year.

The first day of school for students is **Tuesday, September 3, 2024**. We welcome all students at the gym doors, located at the rear of the building, beginning at 8:30 am. It's vital that all students are in school daily and on time. Our school day is from 8:45 am – 3:45 pm.

Also, please keep your contact information updated with the main office staff so that you can receive the weekly SMORE electronic newsletter as well as any other important school information. It's vital to the safety of your child that we have updated home addresses, email addresses and phone numbers for parents and emergency contacts.

I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Kelly D'Eletto and I will be serving as the assistant principal of Stetser Elementary School. I have been an educator for 21 years, 18 of those years have been in Chester. I look forward to working with each and every family as communication and family involvement are necessary for student growth.

I cannot wait to see all the incredible things you will achieve this year. Whether it's exploring new subjects, making new friends, or taking on exciting challenges, I know that you will achieve great things!

Remember that we are here to support you every step of the way. If there is anything that you need before the start of the year, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at kdeletto@chesteruplandsd.org.

Wishing you a joyful remainder of the summer and an amazing school year.

Best,

Kelly A. D'Eletto
Assistant Principal



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Important Dates to Remember

Monday, September 2, 2024	School Closed in Observance of the Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday, September 3, 2024	First Day of School 8:45am - 3:45pm
Tuesday, September 10, 2024	Stetser's Back to School Night 4:30pm - 6:00pm
Wednesday, September 11, 2024	11:45am Dismissal for Students
Wednesday, September 25, 2024	School Closed for Students: Staff In-Service

Uniform Policy

All schools in the Chester Upland School District have a uniform policy, below are the acceptable items that students may wear at Stetser Elementary School.

Tops:

Navy Blue, White, Black, Orange, Green, Yellow, or Gray, Polo Style Shirt or Sweater

Bottoms:

Khaki, Navy Blue, or Black Pants

Khaki, Navy Blue, or Black Shorts (Knee-Length)

Khaki, Navy Blue, or Black Skirts

Shoes:

Sneakers

Closed Toe Shoes

*** Hoodies, flip-flops, slides, open toe shoes/sandals or open-backed shoes/sandals, scarves/bonnets or hats are not permitted to be worn by students inside school. ***

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School Hours

8:45am – 3:45pm

Monday – Friday

8:45am – 11:45am

Half-Day Dismissal

Early Dismissals end at 3:00pm

Arrival & Dismissal

Parents, to help your child achieve academic success, it is very important that your child attend school each day. Your child should arrive on time and be prepared to start their school day. Students are encouraged to remain in school for a full day of learning.

Student Arrival

- Students in the pre-k classroom enter directly through their classroom door at 8:45am.
- All students in grades K-5 enter school through the rear doors of the Gym/All-Purpose Room beginning at 8:30am. This door will close at 9:05am.
- Students in the Life Skills classrooms will enter the front door beginning at 8:30am.
- Students will be escorted to their classroom by their homeroom teacher.
- Students will be marked tardy after 9:00am. If your child arrives at school after 9:00am, they must enter school through the front doors and parents are required to sign them into school.

Dismissal

- Students will be dismissed at 3:45pm from their classroom doors located at the rear of the building.
- If your child needs to leave school early, the parent/guardian or designee should report to the front office for an early dismissal before 3:00pm. Your child will be called to the front office for an early dismissal.
- Parents will not be permitted to go directly to your child's classroom.
- Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds alone.
- Students will not be permitted to leave school early with an adult that is not listed on the emergency contact list. If you need to update your child's emergency contact list, please contact Ms. Beverly Hoard at bhoward@chesteruplandsd.org, 610-447-3795 or visit our front office.

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Absence Procedures

Pennsylvania State law requires that students must attend school daily. When a student is absent from school, upon returning, a note from the parent or official note from the doctor/hospital must be submitted explaining why the student was absent. The note will be kept by the school.

The following are considered Excused/Legal Absences:

- Illness (three or more consecutive days requires a physicians note upon students return)
- Death of an immediate family member
- Quarantine established by a medical doctor
- Medical and dental appointments during the school day which could not be arranged after school hours
- Court appearances
- Suspension from school
- An exceptionally urgent situation that directly affects the child such as the effects of a natural disaster

The following are considered Unexcused/Illegal Absences

- Babysitting
- Car Troubles
- Vacations
- Oversleeping
- Participation in extracurricular activities and hobbies

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Excessive Absences

- After three (3) days of cumulative unexcused absences, a warning letter will be mailed home.
- After six (6) days of cumulative unexcused absences, a letter will be mailed home and a mandatory parent conference will be scheduled at the school.
- After ten (10) days of cumulative unexcused absences, the truancy department will be notified.

The website below has further information on Compulsory School Attendance and Unlawful Absences in the state of Pennsylvania.

<https://www.education.pa.gov/Policy-Funding/BECS/Purdons/Pages/CompulsorySchoolAttendance.aspx>

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Stetser Elementary School Suggested School Supply List

#2 Pencils – No Pens

Two Pocket Folders

Composition Notebooks

Wide Ruled Notebook Paper

Erasers

Pack of Crayons

Colored Pencils

Highlighters

Scissors

Glue Sticks

2 Boxes of Tissues

Black Dry Erase Markers

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2024-2025 Chester Upland School District Calendar

August 2024						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

August

20-22 New Teacher Orientation
26-29 Staff In-Service Days

Teacher Days: 4 | Student Days: 0

September 2024						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

September

2 Labor Day - Schools and Offices Closed
3 First Day for Students (PK-12+)
11 1/2 Day for Students- Professional Development
25 Staff In-Service Day - No Students - Act 80

Teacher Days: 20 | Student Days: 19

October 2024						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

October

3 Rosh Hashanah - Schools and Offices Closed
9 1/2 Day for Students- Professional Development
14 Indigenous Peoples' Day - Schools and Offices Closed
23 Staff In-Service Day - No Students - Act 80

Teacher Days: 21 | Student Days: 20

November 2024						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

November

5 In-Service Day - No Students-Act 80 Day
8 First Marking Period Ends
13 1/2 Day for Students- Professional Development
26 Parent Conferences - No Students
27 AM Staff In-Service - No Students - Act 80
28-29 Fall Break - Schools and Offices Closed
Teacher Days: 19 | Student Days: 16

December 2024						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

December

11 Staff In-Service Day - No Students- Act 80
20 1/2 Day for Students-Professional Development
23-31 Winter Recess - Schools Closed
24-25 District Holiday - Offices Closed
31 District Holiday - Offices Closed

Teacher Days: 15 | Student Days: 14

January 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

January

1 Winter Recess - Schools and Offices Closed
2-3 Staff In-Service Day - No Students - Act 80
20 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Schools and Offices Closed
24 Second Marking Period Ends

Teacher Days: 21 | Student Days: 19

February 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

February

6 Parent Conferences - 1/2 Day for Students
7 AM Staff In-Service - No Students
17 Presidents' Day - Schools and Offices Closed

Teacher Days: 19 | Student Days: 18

March 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

March

12 Staff In-Service Day - No Students - Act 80
28 Third Marking Period Ends
31 Eid al-Fitr - Schools and Offices Closed

Teacher Days: 20 | Student Days: 19

April 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

April

7 Parent Conferences - 1/2 Day for Students
14-18 Spring Recess - Schools Closed
18 District Holiday - Offices Closed
21 PSSA Testing Window Begins

Teacher Days: 17 | Student Days: 17

May 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

May

2 PSSA Testing Window Ends
12-23 Keystone Testing Window
26 Memorial Day - Schools and Offices Closed

Teacher Days: 21 | Student Days: 21

June 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

June

12 Commencement
12 Last Day for Students
16 Last Day for Staff
19 Juneteenth - District Offices Closed

Teacher Days: 11 | Student Days: 9

Teacher Days: 188
Student Days: 172
Act 80: 8

Any emergency school closing days that bring the total number of school hours below 900-elementary or 990-secondary will be added to the calendar at the discretion of the Receiver.

First Day of School/Last Day of School
Teacher In-Service - No Students
Schools Closed

Schools and Offices Closed
Report Card Conferences
1/2 Day for Students