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Dear West Tatnuck Parents and Caregivers,

It is our privilege and pleasure to welcome you to an exciting 2023-2024 school year at West Tatnuck Elementary. We are pleased to have you as members of our school community and we are looking forward to welcoming our students back. It is our mission to help every student feel happy, welcomed, safe, valued, empowered and an engaged member of the West Tatnuck family.

The faculty, staff, and administration team have been working diligently to align our school's initiatives with the district's framework for a Vision of a Learner (VOL) to ensure that the students of West Tatnuck School are future ready. Our ambitious and intentional practices will continue to emphasize student-centered learning environments where creativity, collaborative communication, innovation, problem-solving, and higher order thinking skills are paramount in our daily practices. We strive to challenge each student to grow and excel in their academic and non-academic potential. Our character education and monthly celebrations will continue to be a key focus throughout the school year to allow students to become responsible and engaged community members.

Please join me in welcoming the following new staff and roles to our school community:

Ann Marie Faiola- Assistant Principal
Audrey Curtis- Classroom teacher
Sandra Chonmany- Classroom teacher
Aileen Garry-Arnold- Intermediate Lifeskills teacher
Jennifer Cardenas- Student Adjustment Counselor
Christina Rodriguez De Vera- Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)
Jake Bersin-Physical Education teacher
Diana Peters- Technology Enrichment teacher
Diana West- Building substitute
Alisha Cancelli- Para educator
Kami Pawelek-Para educator
Kristin schimke- Para educator



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Please make note of the following important reminders and dates:

- August 28- First day of school for students in grades 1-6
- August 28-30: Kindergarten screenings
- August 28- First day for **Early Bird** program beginning at 7:45 am (please complete this [form](#) if interested)
- August 31-First day of school for Preschool and Kindergarten students
- Morning arrival/drop off supervision will begin no earlier than 8:45 am. Dismissal procedures begin promptly at 3:10 pm. For additional information regarding arrival and dismissal procedures, click [here](#). Please complete this form to let us know how your child will be dismissed: [dismissal form](#)
- September 4th-No school/Labor Day
- For the WPS 2023-2024 school calendar, click [here](#)
- For the West Tatnuck School calendar of events, click [here](#)
- For classroom Welcome Letters and supply lists click [here](#)
- Know Your School Night (KYSN) is tentatively scheduled on September 21, from 5:30-7:00 pm, more details to follow.
- Please reference this link, [transportation app instructions](#) for directions on how to download the transportation app. Go to your APP STORE and install "Versatrans My Stop"

On Friday August 25th from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, we will host a supplies drop off for any interested families. School admin. and some school staff will be available to assist you. We look forward to seeing some of you.

Lastly, we recognize the integral role that parents and caregivers play in the overall academic success of their children and welcome their valuable contribution to the school community. Please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher or any member of the school with any questions, concerns, suggestions, and/or feedback. Let's make it another outstanding school year at West Tatnuck together.

Respectfully,
Dr. Joyce Elia-Renaud & West Tatnuck Faculty and staff
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